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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 249, SEVENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution Numbered 126 (46 Stat. 1481), approved March 2, 1931 (U. S. C., title 44, sec. 275B), authorizing the printing of the proceedings of the national encampments of certain veterans' organizations in the United States be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall be printed annually, with accompanying illustrations, as separate House documents of the session of the Congress to which they may be submitted."

Approved, September 18, 1941.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Oakland, Calif., July 6, 1943.

To the SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 249, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved September 18, 1941, there is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Proceedings of the Seventy-sixth National Encampment, held at Indianapolis, Ind., September 13-18, 1942, which is submitted for printing as a House Document.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL
LIST OF COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP, SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Seventy-sixth National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 299. Deducting previously reported 95, the net voting strength is 204.

National officers, past national officers, and departments	Depart- ment officers	Dele- gates	Past depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past senior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past junior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Total	Deduct pre- viously reported	Net voting strength
National Officers entitled to vote-----						10	-----	10
National Council of Adminis- tration-----						31	-----	31
Past Commanders in Chief-----						4	2	2
Past Senior Vice Commanders in Chief-----						5	2	3
Past Junior Vice Commanders in Chief-----						4	3	1
Past Surgeon General-----						1	-----	1
Past Adjutants General-----						3	-----	3
Arkansas-----	1					1	1	0
California and Nevada-----	4	2	9	1	2	18	5	13
Colorado and Wyoming-----	4	1	2			7	4	3
Connecticut-----	3	1	4			8	4	4
Delaware-----	3	1	3			7	2	5
Florida-----	3				2	5	3	2
Idaho-----	1				1	2	2	0
Illinois-----	4	2	2		3	11	5	6
Indiana-----	4	2	1		2	9	1	8
Iowa-----	4	2	4			10	6	4
Kansas-----	4	1	4	1		10	3	7
Kentucky-----	3	1	1			5	2	3
Maine-----	4	1	3			8	3	5
Massachusetts-----	4	2	5			11	4	7
Michigan-----	4	2	4	1	1	12	3	9
Minnesota-----	4	1	2	2		9	2	7
Missouri-----	4	1	3		2	10	4	6
Nebraska-----	4	1	4			9	3	6
New Hampshire-----	4		2			6	3	3
New Jersey-----	4	1	1		1	7	2	5
New York-----	4	2	6	1	2	15	4	11
North Dakota-----	1		1			2	2	0
Ohio-----	4	2	4		1	11	3	8
Oklahoma-----	4	1	1			6	2	4
Oregon-----	3	1	2			6	3	3
Pennsylvania-----	4	1	2	1		8	3	5
Rhode Island-----	3		1			4	2	2
Utah-----	1		1			2	2	0
Washington and Alaska-----	4	1	3			8	2	6
West Virginia-----	2		1			3	2	1
Wisconsin-----	4	1	3			8	1	7
Members at Large-----						3	-----	3
Total-----	104	31	79	7	17	299	95	204

ROLL OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMP- MENT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1942

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in Chief

GEORGE A. GAY,¹ Nashua, New Hampshire

Senior Vice Commander in Chief

THOMAS RIDENOUR,¹ Crestline, Ohio

Junior Vice Commander in Chief

J. S. DUMSER,¹ Oakland, California

Surgeon General

DR. EDWARD H. COWAN,² Crawfordsville, Indiana

Chaplain in Chief

REV. JOHUA C. PEARCE,¹ Denver, Colo.

Adjutant General

RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster General

EUGENE OWEN,¹ Lansing, Michigan

Judge Advocate General

T. J. NOLL,¹ Des Moines, Iowa

Inspector General

LEWIS H. EASTERLY,¹ Gunnison, Colorado

National Patriotic Instructor

JOHN E. BRONSON, East Dedham, Massachusetts

Assistant Adjutant General

CHARLES A. HEYER,³ St. Johnsbury, Vermont

Chief of Staff

CHARLES H. PERRY,⁴ Minneapolis, Minnesota

Senior Aide-de-Camp

ALBERT G. JONES,⁴ Boise, Idaho

¹ Present.

² Died August 1, 1942.

³ Died July 13, 1942.

⁴ Entitled to vote as member of National Council of Administration.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Arkansas: Alonzo Todd, Little Rock, Ark.
California and Nevada: O. H. Castle,¹ Los Angeles, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming: Robert T. Bryan,¹ Boulder, Colo.
Connecticut: Truman N. Parsons,¹ Stratford, Conn.
Delaware: Joseph Hynson, Rock Hall, Md.
Florida: C. J. Rose, Miami, Fla.
Idaho: Albert G. Jones,¹ Boise, Idaho.
Illinois: Milton H. Myers,¹ Park Ridge, Ill.
Indiana: Oscar N. Wilmington,¹ Indianapolis, Ind.
Iowa: Elliott P. Taylor, Newton, Iowa.
Kansas: W. W. Nixon,^{1 3} Jewell, Kans.
Kentucky: R. R. Graham,¹ Madisonville, Ky.
Maine: George H. Jones,¹ Oxford, Maine.
Massachusetts: Dudley L. Page, Lowell, Mass.
Michigan: Martin J. Warner,¹ Grand Rapids, Mich.
Minnesota: Charles H. Perry,¹ Minneapolis, Minn.
Missouri: Wm. H. Osborn,¹ Joplin, Mo.
Nebraska: R. E. Coleman,¹ Lincoln, Nebr.
New Hampshire: Frank E. Amadon, Keene, N. H.
New Jersey: Peter VanKirk, Princeton, N. J.
New York: Thomas H. Stritch,^{1 3} Brooklyn, N. Y.
North Dakota: D. G. Duell, Devils Lake, N. Dak.
Ohio: Bryan W. Joslin, Sidney, Ohio.
Oklahoma: E. H. Sawyer, Minco, Okla.
Oregon: Henry Hopkins, Portland, Oreg.
Pennsylvania: A. W. Gabrio, Hazelton, Pa.
Rhode Island: Edward S. Gillett, Providence, R. I.
Utah: Ira Stormes,¹ Salt Lake City, Utah.
Washington and Alaska: L. A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis.
West Virginia: A. T. McMurray, Washington, W. Va.
Wisconsin: A. R. Kibbe,³ New Richmond, Wis.

¹ Present.

³ Executive committee.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson ² (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlbut, ² Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866-67
John A. Logan, ² Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868-70
Ambrose E. Burnside, ² Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871-72
Charles Devens, ² Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, ² Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875-76
John C. Robinson, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877-78
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1880
George S. Merrill, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1924)	1883
John S. Kountz, ² Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, ² Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger, ² Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazey, ² Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1892
John G. B. Adams, ² Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, ² Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin, ² Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton, ² Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw, ² New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur, ² Missouri (died June 1, 1929)	1900
Ell Torrance, ² Minnesota (died Feb. 18, 1932)	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)	1902
John C. Black, ² Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, ² Massachusetts (died in office, July 16, 1905)	1904
John R. King, ² Maryland (died Mar. 3, 1934)	1905
James Tanner, ² New York (died Oct. 2, 1927)	1905
Robert B. Brown, ² Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton, ² Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926)	1907
Henry N. Nevius, ² New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² Minnesota (died Oct. 3, 1936)	1909
John E. Gilman, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921)	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, ² Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)	1911
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1912
Washington Gardner, ² Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928)	1913
David J. Palmer, ² Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928)	1914
Elias A. Monfort, ² Ohio (died July 29, 1920)	1915
W. J. Patterson, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926)	1916
Orlando A. Somers, ² Indiana (died June 9, 1921)	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, ² Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924)	1918
James D. Bell, ² New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919)	1919
Daniel M. Hall, ² Ohio (commander in chief, Nov. 1, 1919; died Oct. 19, 1925)	1919
William A. Ketcham, ² Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921)	1920

² Deceased.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Lewis S. Pilcher, ² New York (died Dec. 24, 1934) -----	1921
James W. Willett, ² Iowa (died May 13, 1940) -----	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930) -----	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 20, 1934) -----	1924
John B. Inman, ² Illinois (died Dec. 15, 1929) -----	1925
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932) -----	1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, ² California and Nevada (died Aug. 13, 1930) -----	1927
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935) -----	1928
Edwin J. Foster, ² Massachusetts (died Sept. 11, 1939) -----	1929
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado (died Nov. 7, 1939) -----	1930
Samuel P. Town, ² Pennsylvania (died July 9, 1937) -----	1931
William P. Wright, ² (died in office, June 15, 1933) -----	1932
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif. (promoted June 15, 1933) -----	1933
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif. (elected Sept. 21, 1933) -----	1933
Alfred E. Stacey, ² New York (died Mar. 9, 1940) -----	1934
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938) -----	1935
C. H. William Ruhe, ² Pennsylvania (died May 20, 1941) -----	1936
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941) -----	1937
Robert M. Rownd, ¹ Ripley, N. Y. -----	1938
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (died in office June 30, 1940) -----	1939
A. T. Anderson, ¹ Washington, Pa. (commander in chief, June 30, 1940) -----	1940
William W. Nixon, ^{1, 5} Jewell, Kansas -----	1941

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, ² New York (died Jan. 6, 1879) -----	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887) -----	1868
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896) -----	1869-70
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) -----	1871-72
Edward Jardine, ² New York (died Mar. 13, 1896) -----	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911) -----	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, ² Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917) -----	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) -----	1878
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) -----	1879
Edgar D. Swain, ² Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904) -----	1880
Charles L. Young, ² Ohio (died September 1913) -----	1881
W. E. W. Ross, ² Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907) -----	1882
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) -----	1883
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) -----	1884
Selden Connor, ² Maine (died July 9, 1917) -----	1885
S. W. Backus, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 10, 1930) -----	1886
Nelson Cole, ² Missouri (died July 31, 1899) -----	1887
Moses H. Neil, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1929) -----	1888
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923) -----	1889
Richard F. Tobin, ² Massachusetts (died in office, Nov. 22, 1890) -----	1890
George H. Innis, ² Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907) --	1891
Henry W. Duffield, ² Michigan (died July 13, 1912) -----	1891
R. H. Warfield, ² California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906) -----	1892
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) -----	1893
A. P. Burchfield, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910) -----	1894
E. H. Hobson, ² Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901) -----	1895
John H. Mullen, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907) -----	1896
Alfred Lyth, ² New York (died Dec. 15, 1924) -----	1897
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917) -----	1898
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916) -----	1899
Irvin Robbins, ² Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911) -----	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, ² Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921) -----	1900
John McElroy, ² Potomac (died Oct. 12, 1929) -----	1901
William M. Olin, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911) -----	1902
C. Mason Kinne, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913) -----	1903
John R. King, ² Maryland (promoted commander in chief July 17, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934) -----	1904

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ Adjutant general.⁵ Past commander in chief.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

George W. Patten, ² Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1905
George W. Cook, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)-----	1905
William A. Armstrong, ² Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)-----	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, ² New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)-----	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)-----	1908
William M. Bostaph, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 8, 1935)-----	1909
Charles Burrows, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 17, 1935)-----	1910
Nicholas W. Day, ² New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)-----	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, ² California and Nevada (died March, 1923)-----	1912
Thomas H. Soward, ² Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)-----	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, ² Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915)-----	1914
William F. Conner, ² Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)---	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, ² Potomac (died Feb. 9, 1929)-----	1915
William H. Wormstead, ² Massachusetts (died Aug. 16, 1938)-----	1916
John L. Clem, ² Potomac (died May 13, 1937)-----	1917
John G. Chambers, ³ Oregon-----	1918
Daniel M. Hall, ² Ohio (promoted Nov. 1, 1919; died Oct. 19, 1925)-----	1919
Charles B. Wilson, ² California and Nevada (promoted Nov. 1, 1919; died Dec. 1, 1928)-----	1919
George A. Hosley, ² Massachusetts (died May 13, 1930)-----	1920
Robert W. McBride, ² Indiana (died May 15, 1926)-----	1921
C. S. Brodbent, ² Texas (died Apr. 23, 1931)-----	1922
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² Massachusetts (died Nov. 13, 1930)-----	1924
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (died Apr. 26, 1933)-----	1925
A. G. Beatty, ² Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)-----	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, ² New York (died Jan. 12, 1936)-----	1927
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado (died Nov. 7, 1939)-----	1928
Charles E. Nason, ² Maine (died Sept. 15, 1932)-----	1929
Jacob Secrest, ² Ohio (died Nov. 26, 1935)-----	1930
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1931
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif. (commander in chief June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Charles E. Jones, ² Alabama (promoted June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)---	1933
Thomas H. Peacock, ² Minnesota (died in office Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (promoted Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1934
Harding I. Merrill, ² Kansas (died June 22, 1937)-----	1934
A. C. Estabrook, ² Michigan (died Feb. 12, 1941)-----	1935
Henry F. Russell, ² Ohio (died Dec. 3, 1937)-----	1936
Henry Held, ² Wisconsin (died Aug. 6, 1939)-----	1937
Frank L. Quade, Dubuque, Iowa-----	1938
A. T. Anderson, ^{1 5} Washington, Pa. (commander in chief, June 30, 1940)-----	1939
William W. Nixon, ^{1 6} Jewell, Kans. (promoted June 30, 1940)-----	1940
Thomas, Ambrose, Chicago, Ill-----	1941

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, ² Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)-----	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)-----	1866-69
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1870
James Coey, ² California (died July 14, 1918)-----	1871
J. Warren Keifer, ² Ohio (died Apr. 22, 1933)-----	1871-72
Edgar Ferguson, ² Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)-----	1873
Guy T. Gould, ² Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)-----	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, ² Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)-----	1875-76
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885)-----	1877

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ Adjutant general.⁵ Past commander in chief.⁶ National Council of Administration.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Herbert E. Hill, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)	1878
Harrison Dingman, ² Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925)	1879
George Bowers, ² New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)	1880
C. V. R. Pond, ² Michigan (died June 9, 1912)	1881
I. S. Bangs, ² Maine (died May 30, 1903)	1882
Walter H. Holmes, ² California and Nevada (died Mar. 26, 1889)	1883
Ira E. Hicks, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)	1884
John R. Lewis, ² Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)	1885
Edgar Allen, ² Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)	1886
John C. Linehan, ² New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)	1887
Joseph Hadfield, ³ New York	1888
John F. Lovett, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 27, 1926)	1889
George B. Creamer, ² Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)	1890
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1891
Peter B. Ayars, ² Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)	1892
J. C. Bigger, ² Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)	1893
Charles H. Shute, ² Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, ² Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)	1895
Charles W. Buckley, ² Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)	1896
Francis B. Allen, ² Connecticut (died July 26, 1921)	1897
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1898
Michael Minton, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)	1899
Frank Seaman, ² Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)	1900
James O'Donnell, ² Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)	1901
James P. Averill, ² Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)	1902
Harry C. Kessler, ² Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)	1903
George N. Patton, ² Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, ² Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)	1905
Silas H. Towler, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 23, 1930)	1905
E. B. Fenton, ² Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927)	1906
William M. Scott, ² Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928)	1907
Charles C. Royce, ² Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923)	1908
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1909
William James, ² Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923)	1910
William A. Ogden, ² Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)	1911
Americus Whedon, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)	1912
A. S. Fowler, ² Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922)	1913
W. F. Conner, ² Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1914
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (elected Apr. 1, 1915; died Apr. 26, 1933)	1915
Le Vant Dodge, ² Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)	1915
E. K. Russ, ³ Louisiana	1916
John M. Vernon, ² Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)	1917
Charles H. Haber, ² Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927)	1918
Isidore Isaacs, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)	1919
J. E. Gandy, ² Washington and Alaska (died June 5, 1934)	1920
Henry A. Johnson, ² Potomac (died Dec. 5, 1935)	1921
C. V. Gardner, ² South Dakota (died Dec. 15, 1930)	1922
George T. Leech, ² Maryland (died Aug. 4, 1941)	1923
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)	1924
William O. Allen, ² New Jersey (died Sept. 22, 1931)	1925
Charles H. Haskins, ² California and Nevada (died Oct. 16, 1933)	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, ² Minnesota (died Sept. 20, 1940)	1927
Henry J. Kearney, ² New York (died Apr. 30, 1933)	1928
James W. Shields, ² Idaho (died Dec. 17, 1933)	1929
Charles H. Lewis, ² Rhode Island (died May 23, 1938)	1930
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif.	1931
Charles E. Jones ² (senior vice, June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)	1932
Arthur Dawson, ² Illinois (elected Sept. 18, 1933; died Apr. 7, 1940)	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (senior vice, Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)	1933

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.⁴ Adjutant general.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (elected Apr. 27, 1934; died June 30, 1940)---	1934
George H. Pounder, ² Wisconsin (died Dec. 10, 1936)-----	1934
Overton H. Mennet, ² California (died Jan. 25, 1941)-----	1935
Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill-----	1936
Robert M. Rownd, ^{1 7} Ripley, N. Y-----	1937
John W. Carroll, ² North Dakota (died Mar. 3, 1942)-----	1938
William W. Nixon, ^{1 9} Kansas (senior vice, June 30, 1940)-----	1939
William H. McCoy, ² New Jersey (elected Sept. 9, 1940; died Nov. 16, 1941)-----	1940
Rustan O. Reed, ² Washington (died Feb. 23, 1942)-----	1941

PAST SURGEON GENERAL (LIVING)

Dr. Charles W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo-----	1920, 1923, 1926
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PAST ADJUTANTS GENERAL (LIVING)

Darwin B. Wolcott, Los Angeles, Calif-----	1933
George Sands, Pittsburgh, Pa-----	1937, 1939
Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill-----	1940

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁵ Past commander in chief.⁷ Past Commander in Chief.⁹ National Council of Administration.

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

ARKANSAS (31)

(Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1941, 1. Post, 1)

Department commander----- ALONZO TODD,⁴ Little Rock.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Stephen Wheeler, ² 1883-84.	J. M. McClintock, ² 1910.
C. M. Barnes, ² 1885.	R. J. Maxson, ² 1911.
C. C. Waters, ² 1886.	F. W. Tucker, ² 1912.
Thomas Boles, ² 1887.	A. S. Fowler, ² 1913-14.
S. K. Robinson, ² 1888.	Charles C. Warner, ² 1915.
A. S. Fowler, ² 1889-90.	H. F. Wallace, ² 1916 (see California and Nevada).
W. H. H. Clayton, ² 1891.	O. J. Kyler, ² 1917.
Powell Clayton, ² 1892.	Horace Wyman, ² 1918.
Logan H. Root, ² 1893.	Samuel Henderson, ² 1919.
Thomas H. Barnes, ² 1893-94.	Jacob E. Leas, ² 1920.
William C. Roberts, ² 1895.	George W. Clark, ² 1921.
O. H. Spellman, ² 1896.	C. H. Parish, ² 1922.
A. H. Soekland, ² 1897.	George W. Clark, ² 1923
W. G. Gray, ² 1898.	Orin Parker, ² 1924.
George W. Clark, ² 1899.	M. C. Stouteagle, ² 1925.
A. L. Thompson, ² 1900.	John Q. Hays, ² 1926-27.
W. G. Akers, ² 1901.	Samuel Henderson, ² 1928-33 (died in office).
J. H. Avery, ² 1902-03.	W. B. Brown, ² 1934-37 (died in office).
Edward T. Wolfe, ² 1904.	S. H. Blackmer, ² 1937 (died in office).
W. S. Bartholomew, ² 1905.	J. M. Bryant, ² 1938-40 (died in office).
John W. Lane, ² 1906.	Alonzo Todd, Little Rock, ⁴ 1940-41.
Cos Altenburg, ² 1907.	
Charles E. Newman, ² 1908.	
A. Y. Killingsworth, ² 1909.	

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

(Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1941, 61. Posts, 20)

Department commander----- OLIVER H. CASTLE,^{1 6} Los Angeles.
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN W. SMITH,¹ Santa Cruz.
Junior vice department commander----- WM. H. HOCH, Pasadena.
Assistant adjutant general----- DARWIN B. WOLCOTT,⁵ Los Angeles.

DELEGATES

C. E. Merrick, Los Angeles. | Chas. L. Chappel, Long Beach.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John E. Miller ² (provisional), 1867.	W. E. McArthur, ² 1871-72.
James Coey, ² 1868-69.	W. H. Aiken, ² 1873-74.
W. L. Campbell, ² 1870.	A. Carlson, ² 1875.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Past adjutant general.

⁶ Past surgeon general.

California and Nevada—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—Continued

- A. C. Bagley,² 1876.
 S. W. Backus,² 1877.
 S. P. Ford,² 1878-79.
 C. Mason Kinne,² 1880-81.
 W. A. Robinson,² 1882.
 J. W. Staples,² 1883.
 James M. Davis,² 1884.
 R. H. Warfield,² 1885.
 W. R. Smedburg,² 1886.
 E. S. Salomon,² 1887.
 T. H. Goodman,² 1888.
 George E. Gard,² 1889.
 A. J. Buckles,² 1890.
 W. H. L. Barnes,² 1891.
 J. B. Fuller,² 1892.
 E. C. Seymour,² 1893.
 J. M. Walling,² 1894.
 C. E. Wilson,² 1895.
 T. C. Masteller,³ 1896.
 N. P. Chipman,² 1897.
 Sol Cahen,² 1898.
 A. F. Dill,² 1899.
 George M. Mott,² 1900.
 George Stone,² 1901.
 W. G. Hawley,² 1902.
 William R. Shafter,² 1903.
 Charles T. Rice,² 1904.
 W. W. Russell,² 1905.
 William C. Alberger,² 1906.
 William G. Waters,² 1907.
 Samuel Merrill,² 1908.
 W. S. Daubenspeck,² 1909.
 E. L. Hawk,² 1910.
 H. V. Parker,² 1911.
 W. R. Thomas,² 1912.
 G. M. Stormont,² 1913.
 B. B. Tuttle,² 1914.
 Hiram P. Thompson,² 1915.
 A. E. Leavitt,² 1916.
 C. H. Haskins,² 1917.
 John H. Roberts,² 1918.
 R. C. Martin,⁴ Los Angeles, 1919.
 George D. Kellogg,² 1920 (died in office).
 G. M. Burlingame,² 1920.
 William H. Noll,² 1921.
 S. W. Hopkins,² 1922.
 James R. Milner,² 1923.
 George W. Grannis,² 1924.
 C. S. Stoddard,² 1925.
 Pefer H. Mass,² 1926.
 W. A. Packard,² 1927.
 H. H. Woodruff,² 1928.
 Darwin B. Wolcott,⁵ Los Angeles, 1929.
 John C. Chapman,² 1930.
 A. E. Vest, San Diego, 1931.
 J. S. Dumser,^{4 6} Oakland, 1932.
 O. H. Mennet,² 1933.
 Wm. H. Bostaph,² 1934 (died in office).
 George N. Lockwood, Los Angeles, 1935.
 S. R. Yoho, San Francisco, 1936.
 John W. Grimes,¹ Long Beach, 1937.
 F. R. Young,² 1938.
 Robert C. Blair,² 1939.
 Calvin H. Blanchard, Oakland, 1940.
 Elisha Ames, W. Los Angeles, 1941.
 J. Clyde Millar,² 1893, transferred from Alabama.
 George Hoxworth,² 1897, transferred from Arizona.
 James P. Rhodes,² 1920, transferred from Arizona.
 D. P. Kyle,² 1921, transferred from Arizona.
 H. F. Wallace,² 1916, transferred from Arkansas.
 U. S. Hollister,² 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
 R. H. Mellette,² 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
 P. Q. Stoner,² 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
 Silas Wilson,² 1919, transferred from Idaho.
 Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877, transferred from Illinois.
 John J. Steadman, 1892, transferred from Iowa.
 O. H. Coulter,² 1899, transferred from Kansas.
 Perry H. Manchester,² 1900, transferred from Montana.
 A. V. Cole,² 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
 Clarendon E. Adams,² 1895, transferred from Nebraska.
 John W. Edwards,² 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
 H. B. Steward,² 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
 John C. Ginson,² 1902, transferred from New York.
 William A. Bentley,² 1891, transferred from North Dakota.
 J. P. Cummings,² 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.
 James E. Burns,² 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
 W. H. Hornaday,² 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
 W. S. Tilton,² 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
 M. V. Lucas,² 1884-86, transferred from South Dakota.
 E. T. Langley,² 1890, transferred from South Dakota.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ Adjutant general.⁵ Past adjutant general.⁶ Junior vice commander in chief.

California and Nevada—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Philip Lawrence,² 1900, transferred from South Dakota.
 Thomas E. Blanchard,² 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
 M. A. Breeden,² 1900, transferred from Utah.
 William M. Bostaph,² 1902, transferred from Utah.
 Frank M. Davis,² 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 W. H. Wiscombe,² 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 John J. See,² 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 O. D. McDonald,² 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 A. H. DeGroff,² 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

C. N. Boyer, Sacramento, 1941.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. M. Mingay, Tujunga, 1933. | J. M. Ferguson, Long Beach, 1941.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

[Organized as the Department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1941, 9. Posts, 3]

Department commander----- LEWIS H. EASTERLY,^{1 3} Gunnison.
Senior vice department commander----- GEORGE METZ, Fort Collins.
Junior vice department commander----- J. B. SMITH, Canon City.
Assistant adjutant general----- ROBERT F. BRYAN,^{1 4} Boulder.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft, ² 1876.	William W. Ferguson, ³ (died in office).
Andrew W. Taylor, ² 1878-79.	William H. McDonald, ² 1910.
John W. Donnellan, ² 1880-82.	Dexter T. Sapp, ² 1911.
Eugene K. Stimson, ² 1882-83.	Henry M. Minor, ² 1912.
Byron L. Carr, ² 1884.	Cyrus A. Brooks, ² 1913.
Aninman V. Bohn, ² 1885.	O. S. Reed, ² 1914.
Henry Bowman, ² 1886.	Frank O. Burdick, ² 1915.
George Ady, ² 1887.	James Moynahan, ² 1916.
John W. Browning, ² 1888.	James H. Comstock, ² 1917.
Thomas J. Fisher, ² 1889.	Asa Curl, ² 1918.
Delos L. Holden, ² 1890.	Carroll M. Bills, ² 1919.
George W. Cook, ² 1891.	Marshall S. Crawford, ² 1920.
John C. Kennedy, ² 1892.	James E. Jewel, ² 1921.
Myron W. Reed, ² 1893.	Samuel J. Capps, ² 1922 (died in office).
Nathaniel Rollins, ² 1894.	A. W. Hogle, ² 1922.
Nichols J. O'Brien, ² 1895.	William Butler, ² 1923.
Horace O. Dodge, ² 1896.	J. C. Plank, ² 1924.
U. S. Hollister, ² 1897. (See California and Nevada.)	J. L. Randall, ² 1925.
William T. S. May, ² 1898.	W. M. Robertson, ² 1926.
Andrew Royal, ² 1899.	J. E. Laycock, ² 1927.
Harper M. Orahoad, ² 1900.	C. Ricketts, ² 1928.
Linus E. Sherman, ² 1901.	W. E. Moses, ² 1929 (died in office).
James W. Huff, ² 1902.	R. Q. Tenney, ² 1929.
Harrison S. Vaughn, ² 1903.	David N. Heiser, ² 1930.
Thomas J. Downen, ² 1904.	E. C. Condit, ² 1931.
George W. Curfman, ² 1905.	Alba J. Rawson, ² 1932-1933.
Loren C. Dana, ² 1906.	Chas. H. Pridmore, ² 1934.
Richard H. Mellette, ² 1907. (See California and Nevada.)	Tobias Mattox, ² 1935.
Henry C. Watson, ² 1908.	R. H. Hoffman, ² 1936.
John W. Wingate, ² 1909.	Joshua C. Pearce, ^{1 5} 1937.
	Lewis H. Easterly, ^{1 3} 1938-41.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Inspector general.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Past chaplain in chief.

CONNECTICUT (6)

(Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1941, 8. Posts, 5)

Department commander----- TRUMAN N. PARSON,^{1 4} Stratford.
 Senior vice department commander----- CHARLES DOUGLASS,¹ New Haven.
 Assistant adjutant general----- RUSSELL VAN DEUSEN, Bridgeport.

DELEGATE

Joseph Rockwell, Danbury.

ALTERNATE

Hiram Davis, Ridgefield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland,² 1867.
 Theodore G. Ellis,² 1868-69.
 William A. Mallory,² 1870-71.
 L. A. Dickinson,² 1872-73.
 Charles S. Buckbee,² 1874-75.
 William E. Disbrow,² 1876-77.
 Frank G. Otis,² 1878.
 Frank E. Fowler,² 1878-79.
 George S. Smith,² 1880.
 Alfred B. Beers,² 1881.
 Ira E. Hicks,² 1882.
 Isaac C. Hyatt,² 1883.
 William Berry,² 1884.
 Frank D. Sloat,² 1885.
 John T. Crary,² 1886.
 Henry E. Taintor,² 1887.
 Samuel B. Horne,² 1888.
 William H. Pierpont,² 1889.
 John C. Broatch,² 1890.
 Henry N. Fanton,² 1891.
 Benajah P. Smith,² 1892.
 Wilbur F. Rogers,² 1893.
 Selah G. Blakeman,² 1894.
 John M. Brewer,² 1895.
 Oscar W. Cornish,² 1896.
 Gustav D. Bates,² 1897.
 William Simonds,² 1898.
 Henry R. Jones,² 1899.
 John K. Bucklyn,² 1900.
 Thomas Boudren,² 1901.
 N. Burton Rogers,² 1902.
 Morgan G. Bulkeley,² 1903.
 William C. Hilliard,² 1904.
 Albert A. May,² 1905.
 Virgil F. McNeil,² 1906.
 Charles A. Appel,² 1907.

Edward Griswold,² 1908.
 George Haven,² 1909.
 Edson S. Bishop,⁵ 1910.
 Richard J. Cutbill,² 1911.
 William H. Dougal,² 1912.
 James R. Sloane,² 1913.
 Fred V. Streeter,² 1914.
 Charles Griswold,² 1915.
 Henry J. Seeley,² 1916.
 Benjamin H. Cheney,² 1917.
 Christian Quien,² 1918.
 George T. Meech,² 1919.
 Randolph Williamson,² 1920.
 Christian Swartz,² 1921.
 Orrin M. Price,² 1922.
 John L. Saxe,² 1923.
 Ira R. Wildman,² 1924.
 James W. Davis,² 1925.
 James R. Young,² 1926.
 Charles M. Shailer,² 1927.
 George A. Tucker,² 1928.
 James Haggerty,² 1929.
 Frank A. Cargill,² 1930.
 Henry W. Burrill,² 1931.
 Lewis L. Baker,² 1932.
 Edward T. Abbott,² Bridgeport, 1933.
 Lyman H. Call,² 1934.
 Casper D. Wallace,² 1935.
 Edward A. Pinkney,² 1936 (died in office).
 Russell Van Dusen,⁶ Bridgeport, 1936.
 Charles Douglass,^{1 7} New Haven, 1937.
 Truman N. Parsons,^{1 4} Stratford, 1938.
 Nathan Coe, Newington, 1939-40.
 Truman N. Parsons,^{1 4} Stratford, 1941.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Not a member of the order.⁶ Assistant adjutant general.⁷ Senior vice department commander.

DELAWARE (23)

(Organized January 14, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1941, 8. Posts, 4)

Department commander----- JOSEPH HYNSON,⁴ Rock Hall, Md.
Senior vice department commander----- BENJAMIN F. SCOTT, Chincoteague, Va.
Junior vice department commander----- ISAIAH FASSETT, Berlin, Md.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair,² 1881.
 John Wainwright,² 1882.
 Daniel Ross,² 1883.
 C. M. Carey,² 1884.
 J. S. Litzenberg,² 1885.
 J. M. Dunn,² 1886.
 J. E. Mowbrey,² 1887.
 R. G. Buckingham,² 1888.
 Peter B. Ayars,² 1889.
 Samuel Lewis,² 1890.
 A. J. Woodman,² 1891.
 G. W. Stradley,² 1892.
 B. D. Bogia,² 1893.
 J. E. Vantine,² 1894.
 E. F. Wood,² 1895.
 William B. Norton,² 1896.
 J. S. Bradley,² 1897.
 Robert Liddell,² 1898.
 William H. Moystin,² 1899.
 William A. Reilly,² 1900.
 John W. Worrall,² 1901.
 John C. Garner,² 1902.
 William G. Baugh, Sr.,² 1903.
 William Kelley, Jr.,² 1904.
 William Tharp,² 1905.
 Ira Lunt,² 1906.
 Jesse Hellings,² 1907.
 H. W. Perkins,² 1908.
 William H. Blake,² 1909.
 George C. Morton,² 1910.
 William Mendenhall,² 1911.
 Jesse K. Baylis,² 1912.
 J. R. Armstrong,² 1913.
 J. T. Rheims,² 1914.

John P. Riley,² 1915.
 S. Shewwood,² 1916.
 J. T. Alexander,² 1917.
 Orrin J. Cook,² 1918.
 R. Harry Williams,² 1919.
 C. A. W. Frishmuth,² 1920.
 William A. Truitt,² 1921.
 Charles Zerby,² 1922.
 Nathaniel L. Henderson,² 1923.
 Charles R. Lewis,² 1924.
 William H. Middleton,² 1925.
 R. G. Buckingham,² 1926.
 William Buckius,² 1927.
 Charles S. Waters,² 1928.
 James T. Twigg,² 1929.
 James Lynn,² 1930.
 Moses Weil,² 1931 (died in office).
 James Lynn,² 1931.
 James T. Twigg,² 1932.
 George W. Weldin,² 1933.
 W. Harry Patterson,² 1934.
 Lewis Morse,² 1935 (died in office).
 Thomas J. Hammonds,² 1935-36.
 Jacob C. Steele,² 1937-38.
 Augustus A. Owens,² 1939 (died in office).
 Henry Banzett,² 1939.
 George W. Baker, Sr.,² 1940 (died in office).²
 Joseph T. Berry,² 1941 (died in office).
 Joseph Hynson,⁴ Rock Hall, Md., 1941.
 Joseph W. Showalter,² 1942 (died in office).

² Deceased⁴ National council of administration.

FLORIDA (36)

(Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1941, 5. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- C. J. Rose,⁴ Miami.
Senior vice department commander----- W. C. RUSSELL, St. Cloud.
Junior vice department commander----- JAMES E. WINNING, St. Petersburg.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth, ² 1884-85.	Lyman Leighton, ² 1914.
G. H. Norton, ² 1886.	James F. Bullard, ² 1915.
E. W. Henck, ² 1887.	W. H. Melrath, ² 1916.
William James, ² 1888.	John A. Wallace, ² 1917.
J. W. V. R. Plummer, ² 1889.	H. B. Jeffries, ² 1918.
Fred S. Goodrich, ³ 1890.	Theodore W. B. Brake, ² 1919 (died in office).
John H. Welsh, ³ 1891.	George E. Field, ² 1919.
J. De V. Hazzard, ² 1892.	Imri A. Spencer, ² 1920.
George F. Foote, ² 1893.	G. W. Brown, ² 1921.
David L. Way, ² 1894.	C. J. Rose, ⁴ Miami, 1922.
P. E. McMurray, ² 1895.	Samuel Sage, ² 1923.
L. V. Jenness, ² 1896.	James Campbell, ² 1924.
Charles M. Ellis, ² 1897.	A. C. Shaffer, ² 1925 (died in office).
George Packwood, ² 1898.	J. A. Brown, ² 1925 (died in office).
Edwin Kirby, ² 1899.	J. H. DeGraw, ² 1926.
J. S. Fairhead, ² 1900.	A. R. Sawyer, ² 1926.
F. C. Parcell, ² 1901.	Wayne W. Blossom, ² 1927.
S. Herbert Lancy, ² 1902.	D. S. Hunter, ² 1928.
J. F. Chase, ² 1903.	A. W. Lathrop, ² 1929.
Henry Marcotte, ² 1904.	C. E. Beach, ² 1930.
Thomas J. Owen, ² 1905.	James H. Simpson, ² 1931.
William E. Emerson, ² 1906.	Logan J. Dyke, Union City, Pa., 1932.
Samuel W. Fox, ² 1907.	D. S. Hunter, ² 1933-35.
S. R. Hudson, ² 1908.	C. H. Parker, ² 1936.
James Skinner, ² 1909.	Charles W. Eldredge, ² 1937.
James O. Thompson, ² 1910.	C. J. Rose, ⁴ Miami, 1938.
Joseph Bumby, ² 1911.	W. C. Russell, ⁵ St. Cloud, 1939.
William P. Lynch, ² 1912.	C. J. Rose, ⁴ Miami, 1940-41.
William S. Siggins, ² 1913.	

S. H. Wood,² 1905, transferred from Vermont.
 C. E. Beach,² 1908, transferred from Vermont.
 A. P. Rounseville,² 1895, transferred from North Dakota.
 Samuel Baughman,² 1926, transferred from Kansas.
 F. M. Underwood,² 1915; 1934-37, transferred from Tennessee.

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Senior vice department commander.

IDAHO (39)

(Organized January 11, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1939, 4. Post, 1)

Department commander----- ALBERT G. JONES,^{1 4} Boise.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Nye,² 1888.
 A. S. Senter,² 1889.
 W. T. Riley,² 1890.
 Judson Spofford,² 1891.
 A. O. Ingalls,² 1892.
 R. H. Barton,² 1893.
 T. J. Groome,² 1894.
 D. H. Budlong,² 1895.
 J. L. Fuller,² 1896.
 Lindol Smith,² 1897.
 N. F. Kimball,² 1898.
 S. L. Thompson,² 1899.
 Charles A. Clark,² 1900.
 William C. Maxey,² 1901.
 George M. Parsons,² 1902.
 E. S. Whittier,² 1903.
 C. F. Drake,² 1904.
 George A. Manning,² 1905.
 Alfred Anderson,² 1906.
 A. M. Rowe,² 1907.
 William K. Jameson,² 1908.
 Stewart Young,² 1909.
 Willard White,² 1910.
 M. W. Wood,² 1911.
 J. W. Shields,² 1912.
 A. G. Nettleton,² 1913.
 H. J. Newhouse,² 1914.
 William H. Cable,² 1915.

R. H. Barnes,² 1916.
 George F. Kimery,² 1917.
 F. T. Page,² 1918.
 Silas Wilson,² 1919. (See California
 and Nevada.)
 John Carr,² 1920.
 William S. Hawkes,² 1921.
 William Bower,² 1922.
 F. J. Titus,³ Nampa, 1923.
 C. L. Longley,² 1924.
 George Gardner,² 1925.
 John S. Thorp,² 1926.
 R. P. Drury,² 1927.
 W. J. Neely,² 1928.
 Otto F. Steen,² 1929.
 S. H. McCullough,² 1930.
 W. H. Johns,² 1931.
 Jeremiah Williams,² 1932.
 T. W. Johnston,² 1933 (died in office).
 George N. Kingsbury, 1934.
 E. A. Paddock,² 1934.
 Frank Williams,² 1935.
 George N. Kingsbury,² 1936.
 James P. Taylor,² 1937.
 Elisha White,² 1938 (died in office).
 Elder Smith,² 1938.
 Albert G. Jones,^{1 4} Boise, 1939-41.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

ILLINOIS (1)

(Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1941, 42. Posts, 24)

Department commander----- HIRAM H. SHUMATE,¹ Riverton.
Senior vice department commander----- THOMAS AMBROSE,⁵ Chicago.
Junior vice department commander----- WILLIAM M. LIVINGSTON, Peoria.
Assistant adjutant general----- JAMES H. LEWIS,¹ Chicago.

DELEGATES

William Glenn, Belleville.
 William P. Lockwood, Kankakee.

ALTERNATE

James Crugom, Chicago.
 Silas M. Phelps, Jericho, Mo.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson,² 1866.
 John M. Palmer,² 1867.
 Thomas S. Osborne,² 1868-70.
 Charles E. Lippincott,² 1871.
 Hubert Dilger,² 1872.
 Guy T. Gould,² 1873.
 H. H. Hilliard,² 1874-76.
 Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877 (see California and Nevada).
 T. B. Coulter,² 1878.
 Edgar D. Swain,² 1878-80.
 J. W. Burst,² 1881.
 Thomas G. Lawler,² 1882.
 Samuel A. Harper,² 1883.
 L. T. Dickason,² 1884.
 W. W. Berry,² 1885.
 Philip Sidney Post,² 1886.
 A. C. Sweetser,² 1887.
 James A. Sexton,² 1888.
 James S. Martin,² 1889.
 William L. Distin,² 1890.
 Horace S. Clark,² 1891.
 Edwin Harlan,² 1892.
 Edwin A. Blodgett,² 1893.
 H. H. McDowell,² 1894.
 William H. Powell,² 1895.
 W. G. Cochran,² 1896.
 A. L. Schimpff,² 1897.
 John C. Black,² 1898.
 John B. Inman,² 1899.
 J. M. Longnecker,² 1900.
 N. B. Thistlewood,² 1901.
 H. M. Trimble,² 1902.
 Benson Wood,² 1903.
 Robert Mann Woods,² 1904.
 John C. Smith,² 1905.

Edwin H. Buck,² 1906.
 A. C. Mathews,² 1907.
 Joseph Rosenbaum,² 1908.
 Philip C. Hayes,² 1909.
 James A. Connolly,² 1910.
 C. C. Duffy,² 1911.
 Thomas H. Gault,² 1912.
 J. H. Crowder,² 1913.
 Samuel Fallows,² 1914.
 John M. Snyder,² 1915.
 W. F. Calhoun,² 1916.
 C. S. Bentley,² 1917.
 Joseph W. Fifer,² 1918.
 Henry D. Fulton,² 1919.
 Edwin N. Armstrong,² 1920.
 William P. Wright,² 1921.
 E. P. Bartlett,² 1922 (died in office).
 J. M. Oulson,² 1922.
 William J. Libberton,² 1923.
 Philip Smith,² 1924.
 O. R. Kenney,² 1925.
 John E. Andrew,² 1926.
 D. H. Harper,² 1927.
 Charles T. Marsh,² 1928.
 H. B. Davidson,² 1929.
 A. C. Best,² 1930.
 James H. Campbell,² 1931.
 H. C. First,² 1932 (died in office).
 William O'Callaghan,² 1932.
 George A. Robinson,² 1933.
 William N. Hodge,² 1934.
 Thomas Ambrose,⁵ Chicago, 1935.
 William N. Hodge,² 1936.
 John E. Andrew,² 1937-39.
 Thomas Ambrose,⁵ Chicago, 1939.
 Hiram Shumate,^{1 6} Riverton, 1940-41.

Milton J. Stewart,² 1885, transferred from Kansas.
 Charles M. Travis,² 1889, transferred from Indiana.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Milton Myers,^{1 4} Park Ridge, 1935.
 Albert E. Gage,¹ Chicago, 1937.

James H. Lawis,^{1 3} Chicago, 1940.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Assistant adjutant general.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁶ Department commander.

INDIANA (20)

(Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership,
December 31, 1941, 26. Posts, 23)

Department commander----- ISAAC W. SHARP,¹ Warsaw.
Senior vice department commander----- FRANK J. BARTON, KNOX.
Junior vice department commander----- LEVI KELTNER,¹ Anderson.
Assistant adjutant general----- OSCAR N. WILMINGTON,^{1 4} Indianapolis.

DELEGATES

William Meadows,¹ Castleton. | Barney Stone,¹ Noblesville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, ² 1866; 1868.	Orlando A. Somers, ² 1909.
Nathan Kimball, ² 1867.	Alexander P. Asbury, ² 1910.
Oliver M. Wilson, ² 1869.	Daniel Waugh, ² 1911.
Louis Humphrey, ² 1870-71.	Frank Swigart, ² 1912 (died in office).
Jonathan B. Hagar, ² 1879.	Wilbur E. Gorsuch, ² 1912.
Samuel E. Armstrong, ² 1880.	Daniel W. Comstock, ² 1913.
William W. Dudley, ² 1881.	A. B. Crampton, ² 1914.
James R. Carnahan, ² 1882-83.	Lewis King, ² 1915.
Edwin Nicar, ² 1884.	V. V. Williams, ² 1916.
David N. Foster, ² 1885.	Samuel M. Hensch, ² 1917.
Thomas W. Bennett, ² 1886.	Alonzo Murphy, ² 1918.
Ira J. Chase, ² 1887.	William F. Medsker, ² 1919.
Argus D. Vanosdol, ² 1888.	Robert W. McBride, ² 1920.
Charles M. Travis, ² 1889 (see Illinois).	Richard H. Tyner, ² 1921.
Gil R. Stormont, ² 1890.	William A. Kelsey, ² 1922.
Ivan N. Walker, ² 1891.	Albert J. Ball, ² 1923.
Joseph B. Cheadle, ² 1892.	F. M. VanPelt, ² 1924.
James T. Johnston, ² 1893.	David Strouse, ² 1925.
Albert O. Marsh, ² 1894.	James W. Spain, ² 1926.
Harvey B. Shively, ² 1895.	John H. Hoffman, ² 1927.
Henry M. Caylor, ² 1896.	W. F. Molyneaux, ² 1928.
James S. Dodge, ² 1897.	Charles E. Hale, ² 1929.
Daniel Ryan, ² 1898.	Isaac B. Austin, ² 1930 (died in office).
William L. Dunlap, ² 1899.	James Kilmartin, ² 1930.
David E. Beem, ² 1900.	F. M. McNair, ² 1931.
Milton Garrigus, ² 1901.	James Bowden, ² 1932.
Benjamin Starr, ² 1902.	Jasper N. Callicott, ² 1933.
George W. Grubbs, ² 1903.	John F. McKinley, ² 1934 (died in office).
Daniel R. Lucas, ² 1904.	Edward McClelland, ² 1935.
Marine D. Tackett, ² 1905.	Quincey A. Hunt, ² 1936.
Edmund R. Brown, ² 1906.	John H. Stone, 1937-41 (died in office).
William A. Ketcham, ² 1907.	David S. Moist, Union City, 1942.
John D. Alexander, ² 1908.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Dr. Henry Rogers, Rockville, 1934

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

IOWA (19)

(Organized September 26, 1866 ; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1941, 47. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- JOHN M. GUDGEL,¹ Shenandoah.
Senior vice department commander----- ELLIOTT P. TAYLOR,⁴ Newton.
Junior vice department commander----- THOMAS J. NOLL,^{1 6} Des Moines..
Assistant adjutant general----- J. J. NEUMAN, Des Moines.

DELEGATES

Charles S. Curler, Perry.

| Nicholas Wells, Marcus.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, ² 1874-75.	Lot Abraham, ² 1911.
A. A. Perkins, ² 1876-78.	J. D. Brown, ² 1912.
H. E. Griswold, ² 1879.	J. W. Willett, ² 1913.
W. F. Conrad, ² 1880.	Byron C. Ward, ² 1914.
Peter V. Carey, ² 1881.	John F. Merry, ² 1915.
George B. Hugin, ² 1882.	John H. Mills, ² 1916.
John B. Cook, ² 1883.	J. L. Farrington, ² 1917.
E. G. Miller, ² 1884.	E. J. C. Bealer, ² 1918.
W. R. Manning, ² 1885.	A. G. Beatty, ² 1919.
W. A. McHenry, ² 1886.	R. L. Chase, ² 1920.
J. M. Tuttle, ² 1887.	J. B. Harsh, ² 1921.
E. A. Consigny, ² 1888.	L. J. Kron, ² 1922.
Charles H. Smith, ² 1889.	W. W. Gist, ² 1923 (died in office).
Mason P. Mills, ² 1890.	W. S. Freeman, ² 1923.
Charles L. Davidson, ² 1891.	W. H. Needham, ² 1924 (died in office).
J. J. Steadman, ² 1892 (see California and Nevada).	D. B. Cowles, ² 1924 (died in office).
Phil. Schaller, ² 1893.	Orlando S. Hartman, ² 1925.
George A. Newman, ² 1894.	Frank Dagle, ² 1925.
J. K. P. Thompson, ² 1895.	E. J. Stonebraker, ² 1926.
Josiah Given, ² 1896.	Oley Nelson, ² 1927.
A. H. Evans, ² 1897.	J. W. Stratton, ² 1928.
R. W. Tirrell, ² 1898.	John K. Ewing, ² 1929 (died in office).
C. F. Bailey, ² 1899.	Joseph Pratt, ² 1930.
M. B. Davis, ² 1900.	Watson Ridsen, ² 1930.
George Metzger, ² 1901.	John T. Lucas, ² 1931.
John Lindt, ² 1902.	T. J. Noll, ^{1 6} Des Moines, 1932.
L. B. Raymond, ² 1903.	Frank L. Quade, ⁷ Dubuque, 1933.
R. T. St. John, ² 1904.	L. J. Leech, ² 1934.
S. H. Harper, ² 1905.	Horace B. Kelly, ² 1935 (died in office).
C. A. Clark, ² 1906.	J. C. Hanes, ² 1935.
D. J. Palmer, ² 1907.	John P. Risley, ² 1936-37 (died in office).
J. C. Milliman, ² 1908.	Michael Hawk, 1938.
M. McDonald, ² 1909.	James W. Willett, ² 1939 (died in office).
H. A. Dyer, ² 1910.	Jacob J. Neuman, ⁵ Des Moines, 1940.
	Elliott P. Taylor, ⁴ Newton, 1941.

¹ Present.

² Deceased

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Assistant adjutant general.

⁶ Judge advocate general.

⁷ Past senior vice commander in chief.

KANSAS (22)

(Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1941, 15. Posts, 2)

<i>Department commander</i> -----	J. P. FAIR, ¹ Mankato.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	W. E. APPLGATE, Topeka.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	CHARLES WINGROVE, ¹ Clay Center.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	T. B. WILLIAMS, ¹ Chapman.

DELEGATE

ALTERNATE

Joseph Gaston, Beloit.

J. W. Bartleson, Beloit.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin, ² 1866-67.	T. P. Anderson, ² 1911.
John Carpenter, ² 1868.	J. N. Harrison, ² 1912-13.
W. S. Jenkins, ² 1872 (see Missouri).	Ira D. Brougher, ² 1914.
Stephen A. Cobb, ² 1873.	C. A. Meek, ² 1915.
John Guthrie, ² 1876.	R. M. Painter, ² 1916.
J. H. Gilpatrick, ² 1877-78.	A. C. Pierce, ² 1917.
J. C. Walkinshaw, ² 1879-82.	W. W. Smith, ² 1918.
Thomas J. Anderson, ² 1883.	Theodore Gardner, ² 1919.
Homer W. Pond, ² 1884.	Joseph A. Walter, ² 1920.
Milton J. Stewart, ² 1885 (see Illinois).	George P. Washburn, ² 1921 (died in office).
C. J. McDivitt, ² 1886.	E. W. Bowman, ² 1921.
T. H. Soward, ² 1887 (see Oklahoma).	William W. Dennison, ² 1922.
J. W. Feighan, ² 1888.	William H. Mitchell, ² 1923.
Henry Booth, ² 1889.	Andrew Graff, ² 1924.
Ira A. Collins, ² 1890.	Fred Jackson, ² 1925.
Timothy McCarthy, ² 1891.	Samuel Baughman, ² 1926 (see Florida).
A. R. Green, ² 1892.	R. H. McWhorter, ² 1927.
Bernard Kelly, ² 1893.	H. I. Merrill, ² 1928.
W. P. Campbell, ² 1894.	J. W. Priddy, ² 1929.
John P. Harris, ² 1895.	C. K. King, ² 1930.
W. C. Whitney, ² 1896.	E. W. Phillips, ² 1931.
Theo. Botkin, ² 1897.	J. H. Harvey, ² 1932 (died in office).
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898 (see Oklahoma).	Grear Nagel, ² 1932 (died in office).
O. H. Coulter, ² 1899 (see California and Nevada).	H. W. Wardell, ² 1932.
W. W. Martin, ² 1900.	W. B. Rhodes, ² 1933.
J. B. Remington, ² 1901.	W. W. Nixon, ^{1 4} Jewell, 1934.
H. C. Loomis, ² 1902.	A. O. Gere, ² 1935.
Abraham W. Smith, ² 1903.	J. H. Getty, ² 1936.
Charles Harris, ² 1904.	Henry Keller, ² 1937.
P. H. Coney, ² 1905-06.	Philip Weinrich, ² 1938.
R. A. Campbell, ² 1907.	T. B. Williams, ^{1 5} Chapman, 1939.
W. A. Morgan, ² 1908.	J. W. Malloy, Dodge City, 1940.
Joel H. Rickel, ² 1909.	George Schreiner, Abilene, 1941.
Nathan E. Harmon, ² 1910.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles Wingrove,^{1 6} Clay Center.¹ Present.² Deceased⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Assistant adjutant general.⁶ Junior vice department commander.

KENTUCKY (27)

(Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1941, 7. Post, 1)

Department commander----- R. R. GRAHAM,^{1 4} Madisonville.
Senior vice department commander----- JAMES H. BOAKE, Louisville.
Junior vice department commander----- ROBT. BARRETT, SR.,¹ Dulaney.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie,² 1883.
 W. H. Harton,² 1884.
 George W. Northup,² 1885.
 T. C. Morrow,² 1886.
 William Bowman,² 1887.
 Orrin A. Reynolds,² 1888.
 Vincent Boreing,² 1889.
 Michael Minton,² 1890.
 Samuel G. Hills,² 1891.
 Edward H. Hobson,² 1892.
 T. Edward Livezey,² 1893.
 Daniel O'Riley,² 1894.
 Robert M. Kelly,² 1895.
 Americus Whedon,² 1896.
 Andrew J. Tharp,² 1897.
 J. W. Hammond,² 1898.
 Joseph H. Browning,² 1899.
 L. M. Drye,² 1900.
 John Blaes,² 1901.
 T. F. Beyland,² 1902.
 W. G. Force,² 1903.
 William T. Bausmith,² 1904.
 Bernard Matthews,² 1905.
 George Grimstead,² 1906.

Le Vant Dodge,² 1907-08.
 R. B. Hewetson,² 1909.
 Sanford D. Van Pelt,² 1910.
 Charles C. Degman,² 1911.
 John Barr,² 1912.
 W. J. L. Hughes,² 1913.
 Edward Farley,² 1914.
 John T. Gunn,² 1915.
 Sam D. Brown,² 1916.
 J. R. Howard,² 1917.
 T. A. Casey,² 1918.
 Andrew Offut,² 1919.
 M. H. Davidson,² 1920.
 Jacob Seibert,² 1921.
 John T. English,² 1922.
 E. F. Tucker,² 1923.
 C. C. Furr,² 1924.
 J. D. Compton,² 1925.
 Albert Scott,² 1926 (died in office).
 Cyrus Edwards,² 1926-28.
 John T. Thompson,² 1929.
 Robert T. Smith,² 1930-33.
 Charles L. Dudley,² 1934-36.
 R. R. Graham,^{1 4} Madisonville, 1937-41.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

MAINE (9)

(Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1941, 23. Posts, 13)

Department commander----- OTIS L. COFFIN,¹ Freeport.
Senior vice department commander----- GEORGE F. STUART, Freeport.
Junior vice department commander----- GEORGE H. JONES,^{1 4} Oxford.
Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN W. PALMER, Waldoboro.

DELEGATE

Levi G. Foss, Saco.

ALTERNATE

Charles L. Marston, Yarmouth.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal,² 1868-69.
 Charles P. Mattocks,² 1870-71.
 Daniel White,² 1872-73.
 Selden Connor,² 1874-75.
 Nelson Howard,² 1876.
 John D. Myrick,² 1877.
 Augustus C. Hamlin,² 1878.
 Winsor B. Smith,² 1879.
 Isaac S. Bangs,² 1880.
 William G. Haskell,² 1881.
 Augustus B. Farnham,² 1882.
 Elisha M. Shaw,² 1883.
 Benjamin Williams,² 1884.
 James A. Hall,² 1885.
 Samuel W. Lane,² 1886.
 Richard K. Gatley,² 1887.
 Horace H. Burbank,² 1888.
 Franklin M. Drew,² 1889.
 John D. Anderson,² 1890.
 Samuel L. Miller,² 1891.
 Isaac Dyer,² 1892.
 Wainwright Cushing,² 1893.
 J. Wesley Gilman,² 1894.
 William H. Green,² 1895.
 Lorenzo J. Carver,² 1896.
 Leroy T. Carleton,² 1897.
 Charles A. Southard,² 1898.
 Frederick Robie,² 1899.
 Seth T. Snipe,² 1900.
 William Z. Clayton,² 1901.
 James L. Merrick,² 1902.
 Joshua L. Chamberlain,² 1903.
 Edwin C. Milliken,² 1904.
 Henry O. Perry,² 1905.
 Frederick S. Walls,² 1906.

Frank F. Goss,² 1907.
 Woodbury K. Dana,² 1908.
 Augustus W. McCausland,² 1909.
 John W. Webster,² 1910.
 Edwin Riley,² 1911.
 William H. Holston,² 1912.
 John F. Lamb,² 1913.
 Thomas S. Benson,² 1914.
 Simon S. Andrews,² 1915.
 Tobias L. Eastman,² 1916.
 John Quincy Adams,² 1917.
 Fred A. Motley,² 1918.
 George W. Goulding,² 1919.
 Henry E. Merriam,² 1920.
 Edward A. Butler,² 1921.
 George A. Gay,² 1922.
 Ezekiel H. Hanson,² 1923.
 Charles E. Nason,² 1924.
 Albert R. Hill,² 1925.
 Nathaniel W. White,² 1926.
 Nahum H. Pillsbury,² 1927.
 Nelson R. Brown,² 1928.
 Samuel F. Emerson,² 1929.
 F. S. Philbrick,² 1930.
 Simon C. Hastings,² 1931.
 John W. Folger,² 1932.
 George T. Benson, Oakland, 1933.
 John B. Sawtelle,² 1934.
 Joseph W. Lake,² 1935.
 Charles F. Tibbetts,² 1936.
 Oliver N. Leavitt,² 1937.
 John W. Palmer,⁵ Waldoboro, 1938.
 Frank J. Savage,² 1939.
 George H. Jones,^{1 4} Oxford, 1940.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Assistant adjutant general.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

(Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1941, 30. Posts, 24)

Department commander----- GEORGE N. ALDEN, New Bedford.
Senior vice department commander----- CHARLES F. STAPLES, Leominster.
Junior vice department commander----- PRINCE A. PHINNEY, Brookline.
Assistant adjutant general----- GEORGE A. GAY,^{1 5} Boston.

DELEGATES

William H. Burns, Attleboro.
 Dennis Driscoll, Roslindale.

ALTERNATES

Albert Davis, Lowell.
 Julius A. Fitts, Medfield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman, ² 1866-67.	Daniel H. L. Gleason, ² 1907.
A. B. R. Sprague, ² 1868.	Alfred S. Roe, ² 1908.
Francis A. Osborn, ² 1869.	John L. Parker, ² 1909.
James L. Bates, ² 1870.	J. Willard Brown, ² 1910 (died in office).
William Cogswell, ² 1871.	Granville C. Fiske, ² 1910-11.
Henry R. Sibley, ³ 1872.	George A. Hosley, ² 1912.
Adin B. Underwood, ² 1873.	Thomas J. Ames, ² 1913.
John W. Kimball, ² 1874.	John M. Woods, ² 1914.
George S. Merrill, ² 1875.	Alfred H. Knowles, ² 1915.
Horace B. Sargent, ² 1876-78.	Francis E. Mole, ² 1916.
John G. B. Adams, ² 1879.	Daniel E. Denny, ² 1917.
John A. Hawes, ² 1880.	Edwin P. Stanley, ² 1918.
George W. Creasey, ² 1881.	George W. Wilder, ² 1919.
George H. Patch, ² 1882.	Horace Goodwin, ² 1920.
George S. Evans, ² 1883.	Edwin F. Morrill, ² 1921.
John D. Billings, ² 1884.	Henry Clark, ² 1922.
John W. Hersey, ² 1885.	George W. Pratt, ² 1923.
Richard F. Tobin, ² 1886.	Benjamin A. Ham, ² 1924.
Charles D. Nash, ² 1887.	William L. Gage, ² 1925 (died in office).
Myron P. Walker, ² 1888.	Henry H. Comey, ² 1925.
George L. Goodale, ² 1889.	William F. Brown, ² 1926 (died in office)
George H. Innis, ² 1890.	Henry A. Monk, ² 1927.
Arthur A. Smith, ² 1891.	Edwin J. Foster, ² 1928.
James K. Churchill, ² 1892.	James H. Webb, ² 1929.
Eli W. Hall, ² 1893.	Alvin C. Howes, ² 1930 (died in office).
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² 1894.	Waldo Turner, ² 1930-31.
Joseph W. Thayer, ² 1895.	Edwin H. Lincoln, ² 1932.
William P. Derby, ² 1896.	Frederick H. Bishop, ² 1933.
John M. Deane, ² 1897.	George A. Gay, ^{1 5} Nashua, N. H., 1934.
William H. Bartlett, ² 1898.	George W. Green, ² 1935.
John E. Gilman, ² 1899.	Charles L. Robinson, Melrose, 1936.
Peter D. Smith, ² 1900.	John E. Bronson, ⁶ E. Dedham, 1937.
Silas A. Barton, ² 1901.	Joseph F. Stoddard, ² 1938.
W. W. Blackmar, ² 1902.	Charles E. Miles, ² 1939.
Dwight O. Judd, ² 1903.	Dudley L. Page, ⁴ Lowell, 1940.
Lucius Field, ² 1904.	Samuel Snow, ² 1941 (died in office).
James H. Wolff, ² 1905.	George N. Alden, New Bedford, 1942.
J. Payson Bradley, ² 1906.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Commander in chief.⁶ National Patriotic Instructor.

MICHIGAN (18)

(Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership,
December 31, 1941, 43. Posts, 16)

Department commander----- ORLANDO LEVALLEY,¹ Caro.
Senior vice department commander----- CYRUS PERRIGO, Vassar.
Junior vice department commander----- MARTIN A. LOOP, Adrian.
Assistant adjutant general----- EUGENE OWEN,^{1 5} Grand Rapids.

DELEGATES

William H. Ferguson,¹ Kent City. | Charles P. Hurd, Grand Rapids.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger ² (provisional), 1867.	James M. Greenfield, ² 1909.
William A. Throop, ² 1868.	Samuel J. Lawrence, ² 1910.
William Humphrey, ² 1869-70.	George W. Stone, ² 1911.
C. V. R. Pond, ² 1878-79.	John T. Spillane, ² 1912.
A. T. McReynolds, ² 1880.	Frank R. Chase, ² 1913.
Byron R. Pierce, ² 1881-82.	Riley L. Jones, ² 1914.
Oscar A. Janes, ² 1883.	Henry C. Rankin, ² 1915 (died in office).
Rush J. Shank, ² 1884.	Eli Strong, ² 1915.
Charles D. Long, ² 1885.	L. H. Ives, ² 1916.
John Northwood, ² 1886.	William O. Lee, ² 1917.
L. G. Rutherford, ² 1887.	David S. Howard, ² 1918.
Washington Gardner, ² 1888.	Edwin F. Lamb, ² 1919.
Michael Brown, ² 1889 (see Montana).	Henry Spaulding, ² 1920.
Henry M. Duffield, ² 1890.	J. J. Holmes, ² 1921.
Charles L. Eaton, ² 1891.	William Mears, ² 1922.
Henry S. Dean, ² 1892.	Lyman A. L. Gilbert, ² 1923.
James H. Kidd, ² 1893.	Marvin C. Barney, ² 1924.
Louis Kanitz, ² 1894.	John Steel, ² 1925.
S. B. Daboll, ² 1895.	James R. Stephenson, ² 1926.
William Shakespeare, ² 1896.	Charles A. Bartlett, ² 1927.
Aaron T. Bliss, ² 1897.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1928-30.
Alex L. Patrick, ² 1898.	Orestus Blake, ² 1931-32.
Russell R. Pealer, ² 1899.	C. M. Cook, ² 1933 (died in office).
Ethel M. Allen, ² 1900.	John Killeen, Portland, 1933.
James Van Kleeck, ² 1901.	Frank D. Keeler, ² 1934.
Edward C. Anthony, ² 1902.	Ira M. Stewart, ² 1935-36.
D. B. K. Van Raalte, ² 1903.	S. H. Carlton, Kalamazoo, 1937.
George H. Hopkins, ² 1904.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1938.
E. C. Cannon, ² 1905.	A. F. Chappell, ² 1939.
Joseph P. Griswold, ² 1906.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1940 (died in office).
William Jibb, ² 1907.	Martin J. Warner, ^{1 4} Grand Rapids, 1940.
Charles E. Foote, ² 1908 (died in office).	John M. Park, Coopersville, 1941.
George L. Holmes, ² 1908.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Eugene Owen,^{1 5} Grand Rapids, 1933.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

William Parker, Lake Odessa, 1938.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Quartermaster general.

MINNESOTA (24)

(Organized August 14, 1867 ; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership,
December 31, 1941, 16. Posts, 11)

Department commander----- LOUIS E. QUINT, Minneapolis.
Senior vice department commander----- ANSON B. BAKER, St. Paul.
Junior vice department commander----- NATHAN COLBURN, Champlin.
Assistant adjutant general----- CHARLES H. PERRY,^{1 4} Minneapolis.

DELEGATE

Henry Mack, Minneapolis

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, ² 1868.	Philip G. Woodward, ² 1910.
Henry A. Castle, ² 1872-74.	J. A. Everett, ² 1911.
George H. Johnson, ² 1876.	William P. Roberts, ² 1912.
Adam Marty, ² 1881-82.	Charles H. Taylor, ² 1913.
John P. Rea, ² 1883.	Charles H. Hopkins, ² 1914.
E. B. Rabb, ² 1884.	Watson W. Hall, ² 1915.
R. A. Becker, ² 1885.	Charles Van Campen, ² 1916.
William Thomas, ² 1886.	Silas H. Towler, ² 1917.
L. L. Wheelock, ² 1887.	Edwin F. Kenrick, ² 1918.
James H. Ege, ² 1888.	J. D. Budd, ² 1919.
Alphonse Barto, ² 1889.	J. A. Town, ² 1920.
James Compton, ² 1890.	S. W. Powell, ² 1921.
Charles D. Parker, ² 1891.	E. Z. Rasey, ² 1922.
L. M. Lange, ² 1892.	W. H. Harrison, ² 1923.
John Day Smith, ² 1893.	S. E. Mahan, ² 1924.
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² 1894.	W. T. Scram, ² 1925.
Ell Torrance, ² 1895.	P. G. Gorman, ² 1926.
J. J. McCardy, ² 1896.	Jacob Zuber, ² 1927.
E. B. Wood, ² 1897.	T. P. Garrett, ² 1928.
E. W. Mortimer, ² 1898.	T. H. Peacock, ² 1929.
D. B. Searle, ² 1899.	W. H. Palmer, ² 1930.
Gideon S. Ives, ² 1900.	W. L. Hilliard, ² 1931.
William H. Harries, ² 1901.	C. M. Peet, ² 1932.
Perry Starkweather, ² 1902.	Omar H. Case, ² 1933.
Isaac L. Mahan, ² 1903.	Charles H. Cotton, ² 1934.
Harrison White, ² 1904.	M. Mullen, ² 1935.
C. F. MacDonald, ² 1905.	W. W. Holcomb, ² 1936.
Levi Longfellow, ² 1906.	Freman A. Caswell, ² 1937 (died in office).
George A. Whitney, ² 1907.	L. E. Carpenter, ² 1937-38.
Marcus W. Bates, ² 1908.	C. H. Perry, ^{1 4} Minneapolis, 1939-40.
Loren W. Collins, ² 1909.	O. S. Pierce, ¹ Minneapolis, 1941.

S. F. Hammond,² 1888, transferred from South Dakota.

J. B. Hoit,² 1892, transferred from South Dakota.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. C. Wakefield, Hutchinson, 1926.

Watts W. Hubbard, Minneapolis, 1939-40.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council or administration.

MISSOURI (25)

(Organized May 16, 1867 ; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership,
December 31, 1941, 17. Posts, 7)

Department commander----- WILLIAM H. OSBORN,^{1 4} Joplin.
Senior vice department commander--- JONATHAN HOLLINGSWORTH, Kansas City.
Junior vice department commander--- JAMES A. BEST, Kansas City.
Assistant adjutant general----- GEORGE W. JOHNSON,¹ Kansas City.

DELEGATE

August Moreau,¹ St. Louis

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, ² 1882-83.	Arthur Dreifus, ² 1913.
W. F. Chamberlain, ² 1884.	William Lowe, ² 1914.
Nelson Cole, ² 1885-86.	James B. Dobyne, ² 1915.
E. E. Kimball, ² 1887.	Alex McCandless, ² 1916.
Hiram Smith, Jr., ² 1888.	Thomas W. Evans, ² 1917.
John E. Phelps, ² 1889 (see Washing- ton and Alaska).	Phil F. Coghlan, ² 1918.
Leo Rassieur, ² 1890.	W. C. Calland, ² 1919.
George W. Martin, ² 1891.	Samuel D. Webster, ² 1920.
C. W. Whitehead, ² 1892.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1921.
Charles G. Burton, ² 1893.	James H. Hunter, ² 1922.
Louis Grund, ² 1894.	Samuel M. Mann, ² 1923.
Louis Benecke, ² 1895.	Alfred Zartman, ² 1924.
Thomas B. Rodgers, ² 1896.	Charles Kooock, ² 1925.
John B. Platt, ² 1897.	John W. Lanley, ² 1926.
A. G. Peterson, ² 1898.	D. H. Baldrige, ² 1927.
John W. Scott, ² 1899.	John Ferguson, ² 1928.
Wilbur F. Henry, ² 1900.	Chas. H. Mitchell, ² 1929.
George Hall, ² 1901.	C. P. Woodruff, ² 1930.
Ira T. Bronson, ² 1902.	P. L. Swartz, ² 1931.
F. M. Sterrett, ² 1903 (see Ohio).	A. M. Reynolds, ² 1932.
Jere T. Dew, ² 1904.	R. B. Tyler, ² 1933.
Henry Fairback, ² 1905.	Smith George, ² 1934.
John M. Williams, ² 1906.	Perry Martin, ² 1935.
Thomas D. Kimball, ² 1907.	Jno. Hollingsworth, ⁵ Kansas City, 1936.
J. V. Martin, ² 1908.	William Kowazek, Hawk Point, 1937.
W. H. Skinner, ² 1909.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1938.
Robert N. Denham, ² 1910.	Stephen Thomas, ² 1939.
Benjamin Warner, ² 1911.	R. B. Tyler, ² 1940 (died in office).
Charles W. Ruby, ² 1912.	Jno. Hollingsworth, ⁵ Kansas City, 1941.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. W. Burrill,⁶ Kansas City, 1928. | Isaac Harry, Licking, 1938.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Senior vice department commander.

⁶ Past surgeon general.

NEBRASKA (17)

(Organized June 11, 1877, Membership, December 31, 1941, 18. Posts, 9)

Department commander----- J. H. ALLBEE, Minden.
Senior vice department commander----- ALFRED HENDEE, Panama.
Assistant adjutant general----- R. E. COLEMAN,^{1 4} Lincoln.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Dervoort, ² 1877.	John F. Diener, ² 1910.
R. H. Wilbur, ² 1878.	A. M. Trimble, ² 1911.
James W. Savage, ² 1879-80.	M. V. King, ² 1912.
S. J. Alexander, ² 1881-82.	John A. Dempster, ² 1913.
John C. Bonnell, ³ 1883.	O. H. Durand, ² 1914.
Henry E. Palmer, ² 1884.	George C. Humphrey, ² 1915.
A. V. Cole, ² 1885 (see California and Nevada).	W. H. Stewart, ² 1916.
John M. Thayer, ² 1886.	Wilson E. Majors, ² 1917.
H. C. Russell, ² 1887.	J. S. Hoagland, ² 1918.
W. C. Henry, ² 1888.	J. B. Strode, ² 1919.
J. B. Davis, ² 1889 (died in office).	Joseph H. Presson, ² 1920.
S. H. Morrison, ² 1889.	W. J. Blystone, ² 1921.
T. S. Clarkson, ² 1890.	John S. Davisson, ² 1922.
Joseph Teeter, ² 1891.	O. C. Bell, ² 1923.
C. J. Dilworth, ² 1892.	S. F. Sanders, ² 1924.
A. H. Church, ² 1893.	E. F. Brown, Lincoln, 1925.
Church Howe, ² 1894.	J. O. Moore, ² 1926.
Clarendon E. Adams, ² 1895 (see California and Nevada).	David Bryson, ² 1927.
J. H. Culver, ² 1896.	H. V. Hoagland, ² 1928.
John A. Ehrhardt, ² 1897.	Thomas J. Smith, ² 1929.
Thomas J. Majors, ² 1898.	F. A. Damewood, ² 1930.
John E. Evans, ² 1899.	L. F. Ruppel, ² 1931 (died in office).
John Reese, ² 1900.	John H. Berger, ² 1931.
R. S. Wilcox, ² 1901.	C. P. Lomax, ² 1932.
C. F. Steele, ² 1902.	I. D. Evans, ² 1933.
Lee Estelle, ² 1903.	George Johnson, ² 1934.
Harmon Bross, ² 1904.	C. H. Kinney, ² 1935.
John Lett, ² 1905.	A. F. Rexroad, Omaha, 1936.
John R. Maxson, ² 1906.	John Seberg, ² 1937.
Thomas Creigh, ² 1907.	R. E. Coleman, ^{1 4} Lincoln, 1938.
Eli A. Barnes, ² 1908.	H. S. Woodward, ² 1939.
L. D. Richards, ² 1909.	John S. Davisson, ² 1940 (died in office).
	Alfred Hendee, ⁵ Panama, 1941.

Griff J. Thomas,² 1879-81, transferred from Wisconsin.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Senior Vice Department Commander.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

(Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1941, 4. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- LYMAN E. BUTTERFIELD,¹ Manchester.
Senior vice department commander----- ROBERT E. WHEELER, Manchester.
Junior vice department commander----- GEORGE W. WOODS, Laconia.
Assistant adjutant general----- FRANK E. AMADON,⁴ Keene.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton, ² 1867.	William S. Pillsbury, ² 1907.
William R. Patten, ² 1868.	Augustus D. Sanborn, ² 1908.
Daniel J. Vaughn, ² 1869.	Charles W. Stevens, ² 1909.
James E. Larkin, ² 1870.	Albert D. Scovell, ² 1910.
Augustus H. Bixby, ² 1871.	Henry E. Conant, ² 1911 (died in office).
William H. Trickey, ² 1872.	William A. Beckford, ² 1911.
Timothy W. Challis, ² 1873-74.	George K. Stratton, ² 1912.
Alvin S. Eaton, ² 1875.	David R. Roys, ² 1913.
Charles J. Richards, ² 1876-78.	O. B. Douglass, ² 1914.
George Bowers, ² 1879-80.	M. B. Plummer, ² 1915.
Martin A. Haynes, ² 1881-82.	Reuben T. Leavitt, ² 1916.
John C. Linehan, ² 1883-84.	Charles W. Hobbs, ² 1917.
Marcus M. Collis, ² 1885.	Eugene Wason, ² 1918.
George Farr, ² 1886.	Frank W. Wilson, ² 1919.
Otis C. Wyatt, ² 1887.	James H. Hunt, ² 1920.
A. B. Thompson, ² 1888.	Arthur Thompson, ² 1921.
James F. Grimes, ² 1889.	J. N. Patterson, ² 1922.
Thomas Cogswell, ² 1890.	J. C. Lewis, ² 1923.
Everett B. Huse, ² 1891.	William Blair, ² 1924.
Daniel Hall, ² 1892.	J. R. Squires, ² 1925.
Frank G. Noyes, ² 1893.	Albert T. Barr, ² 1926.
David R. Pierce, ² 1894.	Eben C. Chase, ² 1927.
Charles E. Buzzell, ² 1895.	Joseph Willis, ² 1928.
Lewis W. Aldrich, ² 1896.	O. P. Murdick, ² 1929.
James Minot, ² 1897.	Wm. H. Fish, ² 1930.
A. S. Twitchell, ² 1898.	Henry S. Paul, ² 1931.
Horace L. Worcester, ² 1899.	Charles H. Estes, ² 1932.
D. E. Proctor, ² 1900.	Wm. J. M. Blackmun, ² 1933.
A. C. Haines, ² 1901.	George I. Horne, ² 1934 (died in office).
William S. Carter, ² 1902.	James R. Ashton, ² 1935 (died in office).
Edwin E. Parker, ² 1903.	Frank E. Amadon, ⁴ Keene, 1935-36.
Henry O. Kent, ² 1904.	Lyman E. Butterfield, ^{1,3} Manchester,
Daniel B. Newhall, ² 1905.	1937-41.
Osman B. Warren, ² 1906.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Department commander.⁴ National council of administration.

NEW JERSEY (8)

(Organized December 10, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1941, 5. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- PETER VAN KIRK,⁴ Princeton.
Senior vice department commander----- WM. H. PERRINE, North Plainfield.
Junior vice department commander----- R. McCANDLESS, Elizabeth.
Assistant adjutant general----- GEORGE M. DEY, Ocean Grove.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine, ² 1868.	Charles Currie, ² 1905.
William Ward, ² 1869-70.	Alfred Atkins, ² 1906.
Richard H. Lee, ² 1871-72.	Arthur W. Tench, ² 1907.
John R. Goble, ² 1873.	John Foran, ² 1908.
Charles Burrows, ² 1874-75.	James F. Connelly, ² 1909.
E. W. Davis, ² 1876.	James Inglis, Jr., ² 1910.
John Muller, ² 1877-78.	Adrian S. Appleget, ² 1911.
Samuel Hufty, ² 1879.	Terrance J. McDonald, ² 1912.
George W. Gile, ² 1880.	John W. Bodine, ² 1913.
Charles H. Houghton, ² 1881.	Forman J. Reynolds, ² 1914 (died in office).
E. L. Campbell, ² 1882. ²	Samuel G. Garretson, ² 1914.
George Fielder, ² 1883.	William F. Washington, ² 1915.
Henry M. Nevius, ² 1884-85.	William O. Allen, ² 1916.
Frank O. Cole, ² 1886.	Walter S. Tully, ² 1917.
J. L. Wheeler, ² 1887.	George E. Boyd, ² 1918.
E. Burd Grubb, ² 1888.	A. J. Washburn, ² 1919 (died in office).
W. E. B. Miller, ² 1889.	Frank Briden, Sr., ² 1919.
A. M. Matthews, ² 1890.	John T. McNeil, ² 1920.
James R. Mullikin, ² 1891.	Isaac Cole, ² 1921.
R. A. Donnelly, ² 1892.	James A. Rikeman, ² 1922.
H. L. Hartshorn, ² 1893.	P. J. Lydecker, ² 1923-24.
John Shields, ² 1894.	Leonard L. Roray, ² 1925.
Henry S. White, ² 1895.	Joseph A. Goodrich, ² 1926.
Ernest C. Stahl, ² 1896.	Augustus Van Giesen, ² 1927.
Emanuel Sands, ² 1897 (died in office).	Charles Hopper, ² 1928.
Samuel G. Hayter, ² 1897.	Spencer Smith, ² 1929.
William C. Smith, ² 1898.	John H. Conger, ² 1930.
George Barrett, ² 1899.	William A. Buckbee, ² 1931.
E. V. Richards, ² 1900.	William H. Bilbee, ² 1932-34.
J. Lawrence, ² 1901.	Wm. H. McCoy, ² 1935-41 (died in office).
Enos F. Hann, ² 1902.	Peter Van Kirk, ⁴ Princeton, 1941.
Stephen M. Long, ² 1903.	
James M. Atwood, ² 1904.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

A. Ryerson, Lincoln Park

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

NEW YORK (5)

(Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1941, 29. Posts, 21)

Department commander----- JAMES A. HARD, Rochester.
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN W. HAYS, Brookview.
Junior vice department commander----- FRANK E. COOLEY, Rensselaer.
Assistant adjutant general----- ROBERT M. ROWND,^{1 3} Ripley.

DELEGATES

John E. Banks, Pawling. | Frank Bissell, Scottsville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean, ² 1866-67.	Harlan J. Swift, ² 1907.
Daniel E. Sickles, ² 1868.	William H. Daniels, ² 1908.
Edwin B. Lansing, ² 1869.	M. J. Cummings, ² 1909.
John C. Robinson, ² 1870.	DeWitt C. Hurd, ² 1910.
Henry A. Barnum, ² 1871-72.	George B. Loud, ² 1911.
Stephen P. Corliss, ² 1873.	Oscar Smith, ² 1912.
Edward Jardine, ² 1874.	Samuel C. Pierce, ² 1913.
John Palmer, ² 1875.	James D. Bell, ² 1914.
James Tanner, ² 1876-77.	Zan L. Tidball, ² 1915.
William F. Rogers, ² 1878.	Solomon W. Russell, ² 1916.
James McQuade, ² 1879.	William F. Kirchner, ² 1917.
L. Coe Young, ² 1880.	Lewis S. Pilcher, ² 1918.
Abram Merritt, ² 1881.	Joseph E. Ewell, ² 1919.
James S. Fraser, ² 1882.	Alfred E. Stacey, ² 1920.
John A. Reynolds, ² 1883.	Isidore Isaacs, ² 1921.
Ira M. Hedges, ² 1884.	Calvin A. Brainard, ² 1922.
H. Clay Hall, ² 1885.	Thomas J. McConekey, ² 1923.
Joseph I. Sayles, ² 1886.	Henry L. Keene, ² 1924.
George H. Treadwell, ² 1887.	Duncan J. McMillan, ² 1925.
N. Martin Curtis, ² 1888.	John Van Duyn, ² 1926.
Harrison Clark, ² 1889.	George W. Flynn, ² 1927 (died in office).
Floyd Clarkson, ² 1890.	William M. Chatham, ² 1928 (died in office).
Charles H. Freeman, ² 1891.	Henry Lilly, Rochester, 1928.
Theodore L. Poole, ² 1892.	William P. Griffith, ² 1928.
Joseph P. Cleary, ² 1893.	Martin V. Stone, ² 1929.
John C. Shotts, ² 1894.	George H. Taylor, ² 1930.
Edward J. Atkinson, ² 1895.	Calvin L. Vincent, ² 1931.
James S. Graham, ² 1896.	Henry J. Kearney, ² 1932 (died in office).
Albert D. Shaw, ² 1897.	Frank E. Cooley, ⁶ Rensselaer, 1933.
Anson S. Wood, ² 1898.	John Maxwell, ² 1933.
Joseph W. Kay, ² 1899.	Josiah C. Read, ² 1934.
N. P. Pond, ² 1900.	Robert M. Rownd, ^{1 3} Ripley, 1935.
Charles A. Orr, ² 1901.	George C. Eldredge, ² 1936.
Allan C. Bakewell, ² 1902.	Joseph Bauer, ² 1937.
John S. Koster, ² 1903.	Thomas H. Stritch, ^{1 4} Brooklyn, 1938-39.
Henry N. Burhans, ² 1904.	Henry Lilly, ⁵ Rochester, 1940.
James N. Snyder, ² 1905.	Edwin Morris, Elmira, 1941.
John S. Maxwell, ² 1906.	

De Alva S. Alexander,² 1884, transferred from Potomac.

W. L. Palmer,² 1899, transferred from South Dakota.

A. E. Sholes,² 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.

David R. Wilson,² 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from Oklahoma (see California and Nevada).

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Past commander in chief.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Department commander, 1928.

⁶ Junior vice department commander.

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PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

George H. Howard, Buffalo, 1941

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ringgold W. Carman, Flushing, 1922. | Jacob Lester, Binghamton, 1931.

NORTH DAKOTA (43)

(Organized April 23, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1941, 2. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- D. G. DUELL,⁴ Devils Lake.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Harrison Allen, ² 1889.	George W. Kurtz, ² 1912.
George B. Winship, ² 1890.	G. B. Vallandigham, ² 1913.
William A. Bentley, ² 1891 (see California and Nevada).	Alexander Hay, ² 1914.
Samuel G. Roberts, ² 1892.	John L. Smith, ² 1915.
John D. Black, ² 1893.	Henry Beal, ² 1916.
James M. O'Neale, ² 1894.	Christian Schmidt, ² 1917.
A. P. Rounseville, ² 1895 (see Florida).	J. W. Carroll, ² 1918.
William H. Brown, ² 1896.	James McCormick, ² 1919.
Edward C. Geary, ² 1897.	David B. McClain, ² 1920 (died in office).
Edwin Southard, ² 1898.	Orange A. Potter, ² 1920.
William Ackerman, ² 1899.	Charles P. Stearns, ² 1921.
Freeman Orcutt, ² 1900.	Smith Stimmel, ² 1922.
D. G. Duell, ⁴ Devils Lake, 1901.	H. F. Dinsmore, ² 1923.
John C. Gipson, ² 1902 (see Oklahoma).	T. C. Conklin, ² 1924.
H. J. Rowe, ² 1903.	George Hawks, ² 1925.
D. F. Siegfried, ² 1904.	John A. Seright, ² 1926.
Joseph Hare, ² 1905.	Charles Cotter, ² 1927.
B. F. Bigelow, ² 1906.	R. M. Donnelly, ² 1928.
Sylvester J. Hill, ² 1907.	R. D. Bagley, ² 1929.
J. L. Richmond, ² 1908.	C. H. Palmer, ² 1930.
Halsey Curry, ² 1909.	A. W. Parmenter, ² 1931.
Albert Roberts, ² 1910.	M. Skarison, ² 1932.
James H. Matthews, ² 1911.	J. W. Carroll, ² Lisbon, 1933-41 (died in office).

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

OHIO (4)

(Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1941, 32. Posts, 25)

Department commander----- BYRON W. JOSLIN,⁴ Sidney.
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN R. BENNETT,¹ Waynesfield.
Junior vice department president----- LEWIS M. HIESTON, Pleasantville.
Assistant adjutant general----- THOMAS RIDENOUR,^{1 6} Crestline.

DELEGATES

W. L. Hooper, Columbus.

| H. W. Blackman, Cleveland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, ² 1866.	W. S. Rogers, ² 1907.
Thomas L. Young, ² 1867.	John H. Sharer, ² 1908 (died in office).
J. Warren Keifer, ² 1868-70.	George Hall, ² 1908.
William C. Bunts, ² 1871-72.	Charles H. Newton, ² 1909.
G. M. Barber, ² 1873-74.	Henry A. Axline, ² 1910.
Alvin C. Voris, ² 1875.	J. F. Johnston, ² 1911.
William Earnshaw, ² 1876-77.	Charles W. Blodgett, ² 1912.
Nathan L. Guthrie, ² 1878 (died in office).	W. R. Warnock, ² 1913.
James H. Seymour, ² 1878.	J. Kent Hamilton, ² 1914.
James H. Steadman, ² 1879.	Seeley P. Mount, ² 1915.
David W. Thomas, ² 1880.	W. H. Surles, ² 1916.
John S. Kountz, ² 1881.	W. A. Pittenger, ² 1917.
Charles T. Clark, ² 1882-83.	D. M. Hall, ² 1918.
H. P. Lloyd, ² 1884.	H. C. Martindale, ² 1919.
R. B. Brown, ² 1885.	John M. Adams, ² 1920.
Arthur L. Conger, ² 1886.	M. J. Sloan, ² 1921.
D. C. Putnam, ² 1887.	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² 1922.
Joseph W. O'Neill, ² 1888.	Daniel S. Wilder, ² 1923.
S. H. Hurst, ² 1889.	Edmund Burdsall, ² 1924.
P. H. Dowling, ² 1890.	John Ambler, ² 1925.
A. M. Warner, ² 1891.	Levi H. Derby, ² 1926.
Isaac F. Mack, ² 1892.	Jacob Secrest, ² 1927.
L. H. Williams, ² 1893.	John McClay, ² 1928.
E. E. Nutt, ² 1894.	Salonas A. Williams, ² 1929.
Charles Townsend, ² 1895.	W. A. Talbott, ² 1930.
E. L. Lybarger, ² 1896.	Ayres B. Adams, ² 1931.
Henry Kissinger, ² 1897.	S. F. Bell, ² 1932.
David F. Pugh, ² 1898.	O. A. Marvin, ² 1933.
Thomas R. Shinn, ² 1899.	Charles J. McDargh, ² 1934.
Elias R. Monfort, ² 1900.	Henry F. Russell, ² 1935.
Emmet F. Taggart, ² 1901.	Francis S. Layton, ² 1936.
Walton Weber, ² 1902.	Theodore Wells, ² 1937.
Arthur C. Yengling, ² 1903.	Frederick Pfister, ¹ Cincinnati, 1938.
B. M. Moulton, ² 1904.	Frank S. Morris, ¹ Chardon, 1939.
Amos Huffman, ² 1905.	Thomas Ridenour, ^{1 6} Crestline, 1940.
George A. Harmon, ² 1906.	DAVID M. ROBBINS, South Vienna, 1941.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

John Grate, Atwater, 1940.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁶ Senior vice commander in chief.

OKLAHOMA (44)

(Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1941, 14. Post, 1. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at Joint Encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908)

Department commander----- SYLVESTER S. PATTERSON, Tonkawa.
Senior vice department commander----- MOSES RATLEDGE, Cherokee.
Assistant adjutant general----- E. H. SAWYER,⁴ Minco.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, ² 1890.	George W. Billings, ² 1914 (died in office).
G. M. Coulton, ² 1891.	George W. Fletcher, ² 1914.
D. F. Wyatt, ² 1892.	A. A. Beasler, ² 1915.
T. H. Soward, ² 1893.	Albert Reeves, ² 1916.
J. P. Cummings, ² 1894 (see California and Nevada).	J. C. White, ² 1917.
H. G. Trosper, ² 1895.	F. E. Hills, ² 1918.
W. H. Cater, ² 1896.	F. M. Cline, ² 1919.
C. R. Young, ² 1897.	W. S. Tilton, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
G. D. Munger, ² 1898.	Jacob Amberg, ² 1921.
J. J. S. Hassler, ² 1899 (died in office).	W. F. Clark, ² 1922.
I. W. Rush, ² 1899.	J. J. Lyons, ² 1923.
M. L. Mock, ² 1900.	J. W. Garner, ² 1924.
James E. Burns, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Norton, ² 1925 (died in office).
Wesley Taylor, ² 1902.	J. H. Luman, ² 1925.
Cyrus P. Green, ² 1903.	R. D. McGinley, ² 1926.
S. P. Strahan, ² 1904.	W. T. Deupree, ² 1927.
G. M. Parks, ² 1905.	R. L. Johnson, ² 1928.
Peter A. Becker, ² 1906.	A. W. Lee, ² 1929.
W. H. Hornaday, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	J. W. Bridges, ² 1930.
H. Veatch, ² 1908.	A. C. Sims, ² 1931.
William Higgins, ² 1909.	L. C. Coffin, ² 1932.
B. N. Turk, ² 1910.	A. C. Sims, ² 1933.
Wilberforce Jones, ² 1911.	J. W. Garner, ² 1934.
W. R. Kelley, ² 1912.	N. D. McGinley, ² 1935-37 (died in office).
L. C. Coffin, Elgin, ³ 1913.	Aaron Fagin, ² 1937 (died in office).
	S. Patterson, ³ Tonkawa, 1938-41.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1908

E. Calkins, ² 1891.	Gideon S. White, ² 1899.
B. F. Harris, ² 1892.	John S. Hammer, ² 1900-1902.
J. H. Spann, ² 1893.	J. A. Rose, ² 1903.
Savelon Boyles, ² 1894.	Robert Ross, ² 1904.
J. L. Thomas, ² 1895.	Samuel H. Smith, ² 1905.
William H. Harrison, ² 1896.	J. F. Ayers, ² 1906.
R. M. J. Shriver, ² 1897.	A. G. Krutchmer, ² 1907.
David Redfield, ² 1898.	

D. W. Eastman,² 1898, transferred from Kansas.

John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see California and Nevada).

² Deceased.

³ Department commander.

⁴ National council of administration.

OREGON (26)

(Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1941, 5. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- T. A. PENLAND,^{1 4} Portland.
Senior vice department commander----- HENRY HOPKINS, Newberg.
Junior vice department commander----- DAN DAFFRON, Forest Grove.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce,² 1882.
 G. E. Caulkin,² 1883.
 F. J. Babcock,² 1884.
 F. H. Lamb,² 1885-86.
 M. L. Olmstead,² 1887.
 A. E. Borthwick,² 1888.
 E. B. McElroy,² 1889.
 James A. Varney,² 1890.
 Owen Summers,² 1891.
 H. H. Northup,² 1892.
 J. C. Cooper,² 1893.
 S. B. Ormsby,² 1894.
 E. W. Allen,² 1895.
 D. C. Sherman, 1896.
 Frank Reisner,² 1897.
 C. P. Holloway,² 1898.
 H. V. Gates,² 1899.
 A. J. Goodbrod,² 1900.
 J. A. Sladen,² 1901.
 M. L. Pratt,² 1902.
 David H. Turner,² 1903.
 B. F. Pike,² 1904.
 T. E. Hills,² 1905.
 Hamer Sutcliffe,² 1906.
 S. F. Blythe,² 1907.
 J. T. Apperson,² 1908.
 James P. Shaw,² 1909.
 W. J. R. Beach,² 1910.
 Newton Clark,² 1911.
 Thomas B. McDevitt,² 1912.

S. W. Taylor,² 1913.
 H. S. Fargo,² 1914.
 George A. Harding,² 1915.
 Joseph E. Hall,² 1916.
 J. G. Chambers,⁵ 1917.
 Tillman H. Stevens,² 1918.
 Daniel Webster,² 1919.
 J. T. Butler,² 1920.
 C. A. Williams,² 1921.
 D. L. McKay,² 1922.
 George R. Castner,² 1923.
 Henry E. Dosch,² 1924 (died in office).
 J. L. Crow,² 1924.
 J. F. Nelson,² 1925.
 William Clemens,² 1926.
 H. S. Lillagar,² 1927.
 William Clemens,² 1928.
 L. C. Washburn,² 1929 (died in office).
 Charles True,² 1929 (died in office).
 Gideon Stolz,² 1929.
 William M. Colvig,² 1930.
 Charles M. Eichler,² 1931.
 J. W. Jones,² 1932.
 H. V. Gates,² 1933-34 (died in office).
 J. W. Ridge,² 1935.
 John C. Thomson,² 1936 (died in office).
 Z. T. Bryant,² 1937 (died in office).
 Henry Hopkins,³ Newberg, 1937.
 T. A. Penland,^{1 4} Portland, 1937-41.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Senior Vice Department Commander.⁴ National Council of Administration.⁵ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

(Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1941, 5. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- JOSEPH L. CHAPMAN,¹ Scranton.
Senior vice department commander----- A. W. GABRIO,⁴ Hazelton.
Junior vice department commander----- A. T. ANDERSON,^{1 3} Washington.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner, ² 1866-67.	J. Andrew Wilt, ² 1905.
A. L. Pearson, ² 1868.	M. A. Gherst, ² 1906.
O. C. Bosbyshell, ² 1869.	William T. Powell, ² 1907.
Howard J. Reeder, ² 1870-71.	P. De Lacy, ² 1908.
Frank Reeder, ² 1872.	Thad M. Mahon, ² 1909.
Robert B. Beath, ² 1873.	L. W. Moore, ² 1910.
A. Wilson Norris, ² 1874.	N. P. Kingsley, ² 1911.
W. W. Tyson, ² 1875.	Thomas H. Cole, ² 1912.
James W. Latta, ² 1876.	William J. Wells, ² 1913.
Samuel I. Givin, ² 1877.	John A. Fairman, ² 1914.
Charles T. Hull, ² 1878.	C. C. Gramlich, ² 1915.
George L. Brown, ² 1879.	L. F. Arensberg, ² 1916.
Chill W. Hazard, ² 1880.	Noah Dietrich, ² 1917.
John Taylor, ² 1881.	J. D. Hicks, ² 1918.
John M. Vanderslice, ² 1882.	George W. Rhoads, ² 1919.
E. S. Osborne, ² 1883.	C. H. William Ruhe, ² 1920.
Frederick H. Dyer, ² 1884.	Charles C. Taylor, ² 1921.
F. Austin Curtin, ² 1885.	W. F. Hambright, ² 1922.
J. P. S. Gobin, ² 1886.	J. J. Shoemaker, ² 1923.
Samuel Harper, ² 1887.	H. H. Spayd, ² 1924.
Frank J. Magee, ² 1888.	A. M. Breckenridge, ² 1925.
Thomas J. Stewart, ² 1889.	Samuel P. Town, ² 1926.
Joseph F. Denniston, ² 1890.	John B. Patrick, ² 1927.
George G. Boyer, ² 1891.	George I. Rudolph, ² 1928.
John P. Taylor, ² 1892.	Phil Engelskinger, ² 1929.
Thomas G. Sample, ² 1893.	Charles W. Meconnahey, ² 1930.
William Emsley, ² 1894.	John R. Steele, ² 1931.
H. H. Cumings, ² 1895.	Jacob Barron, ² 1932.
Alfred Darte, ² 1896.	A. T. Anderson, ^{1 3} Washington, 1933.
William D. Stauffer, ² 1897.	George W. Gillett, ² 1934-35.
William J. Patterson, ² 1898.	William W. Reynolds, ² 1936 (died in office).
James F. Morrison, ² 1899.	John Little, ² 1936 (died in office).
Charles Miller, ² 1900.	A. T. Anderson, ^{1 3} Washington, 1937.
Levi G. McCauley, ² 1901.	C. H. William Ruhe, ² 1938-39.
R. P. Scott, ² 1902.	A. W. Gabrio, ⁴ Hazelton, 1940-41.
Edwin Walton, ² 1903.	
John McNevin, ² 1904.	

James E. Porter,² 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
 James M. Davis,² 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

GEORGE SANDS,⁵ Pittsburgh, 1937¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Past commander in chief.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Past adjutant general.

RHODE ISLAND (11)

(Organized March 24, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1941, 3. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- EDWARD F. GILLET,⁴ Providence.
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN RILEY, Hope.
Junior vice department commander----- JOSEPH T. RAY, Newport.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ambrose E. Burnside,² 1868.
 Horatio Rogers,² 1869.
 Charles R. Brayton,² 1870-71.
 Elisha M. Rhodes,² 1872-73.
 Edwin Metcalf,² 1874.
 Edwin C. Pomeroy,² 1875.
 Charles H. Williams,² 1876.
 Henry J. Spooner,² 1877.
 Fred A. Arnold,² 1878.
 Henry R. Barker,² 1879.
 Charles C. Gray,² 1880.
 William H. P. Steers,² 1881.
 Henry F. Jenks,² 1882.
 Philip S. Chase,² 1883.
 Andrew J. McMahon,² 1884.
 Eugene A. Cory,² 1885.
 Theodore A. Barton,² 1886.
 Benjamin L. Hall,² 1887.
 Gideon Spencer,² 1888.
 Alonzo Williams,² 1889.
 Benjamin F. Davis,² 1890.
 Benjamin H. Child,² 1891.
 David S. Ray,² 1892.
 George T. Cranston,² 1893.
 Charles H. Baker,² 1894.
 Daniel R. Ballou,² 1895.
 William E. Stone,² 1896.
 Livingston Scott,² 1897.
 Samuel W. K. Allen,² 1898.
 Charles O. Ballou,² 1899.
 Walter A. Reed,² 1900.
 Charles P. Moies,² 1901.
 George H. Cheney,² 1902.
 James S. Hudson,² 1903.
 Joseph Wooley,² 1904.
 Ezra K. Parker,² 1905.
 George L. Greene,² 1906.

Edward Wilcox,² 1907.
 William O. Milne,² 1908.
 Francello G. Jillson,² 1909.
 Charles H. Ewer,² 1910.
 Ezra Dixon,² 1911.
 Thomas M. Holden,² 1912.
 George H. Cheek,² 1913.
 Gilbert Wilson,² 1914.
 Henry J. Pickersgill,² 1915.
 Joseph Gough,² 1916.
 Augustine A. Mann,² 1917.
 Murdock C. McKenzie,² 1918.
 Fred A. Burt,² 1919.
 William Massie,² 1920.
 Fred S. Oatley,² 1921.
 Samuel A. Wheldon,² 1922.
 Zophar Skinner,² 1923.
 George R. Saunders,² 1924.
 William F. Comrie,² 1925.
 Robert M. Pollard,² 1926.
 Christopher M. Carpenter,² 1927-28
 (died in office).
 William Dunham,² 1928.
 Charles H. Lewis,² 1929-30.
 Charles H. Bullock,² 1931.
 Henry A. Knox,² 1932 (died in office).
 James A. Alger,² 1933.
 Fred S. Oatley,² 1934.
 Martin S. Smith,² 1935-36 (died in
 office).
 Charles H. Lewis,² 1936-38 (died in
 office).
 Charles H. Bullock,² 1939 (died in
 office).
 Jeremiah Hopkins,² 1940 (died in office).
 Edward F. Gillett,⁴ Providence, 1940-41.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

UTAH (33)

(Organized October 8, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1941, 1. Post, 1)

Department commander-----IRA STORMES,^{1 4} Salt Lake City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas, ² 1883.	Henry P. Burns, ² 1904.
Ransford Smith, ² 1884.	E. T. Hulaniski, ² 1905.
H. C. Wardleigh, ² 1885.	B. M. Sperry, ² 1906.
Elijah Sells, ² 1886.	Alfred Kent, ² 1907.
Eli H. Murray, ² 1887.	R. G. Sleater, ² 1908.
Nathan H. Kimball, ² 1888.	Lucian H. Smyth, ² 1909.
Henry T. Snyder, ² 1889.	T. C. Lundy, ² 1910.
Henry T. Page, ² 1890.	A. B. Lawrence, ² 1911.
Frank Hoffman, ² 1891.	J. W. Brown, ² 1912 (died in office).
James R. Elliott, ² 1892.	Frank H. Hall, ² 1912.
J. W. Greenman, ² 1893.	Reuben Oehler, ² 1913.
T. C. Iliff, ² 1894.	N. A. Heath, ² 1914.
C. O. Farnsworth, ² 1895.	H. G. Rollins, ² 1915.
M. M. Kellogg, ² 1896.	N. D. Corser, ² 1916-17.
T. C. Bailey, ² 1897.	J. C. A. Warfield, ² 1918.
N. H. Ives, ² 1898.	C. W. A. Schnell, ² 1919.
M. M. Kaighn, ² 1899.	Ezra D. Haskins, ² 1920-21.
M. A. Breeden, ² 1900 (see California and Nevada).	A. Van Patten, ² 1922.
Rudolph, Alff, ² 1901.	W. L. Goodsell, ² 1923-25.
W. M. Bostaph, ² 1902 (see California and Nevada).	L. L. Hudson, ² 1926-27.
F. H. Clark, ² 1903.	W. R. Smethers, ² 1928.
	Elias Price, ² 1929-34.
	Ira Stormes, ^{1 4} Salt Lake City, 1935-41.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

(Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1941, 10. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- S. B. TIFT, Everett.
Senior vice department commander----- HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle.
Junior vice department commander----- SAM LAWLEY, Auburn.
Assistant adjutant general----- DANIEL A. REAMS, Seattle.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, ² provisional, 1878-82.	F. H. Hurd, ² 1911.
George D. Hill, ² 1883.	R. R. Harding, ² 1912.
H. A. Morrow, ² 1884.	J. E. Stewart, ² 1913.
A. M. Brooks, ² 1885.	H. R. Gale, ³ Seattle 1914.
C. M. Holton, ² 1886.	H. W. North, ² 1915.
A. P. Curry, ² 1887.	J. E. Gandy, ² 1916.
J. W. Sprague, ² 1888.	John J. See, ² 1917 (see California and Nevada).
C. S. Cosgrove, ² 1889.	S. F. Street, ² 1918.
M. M. Holmes, ² 1890.	A. A. Stevens, ² 1919.
D. G. Lovell, ² 1891.	O. D. McDonald, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
J. Sox Brown, ² 1892.	J. H. Coffman, ² 1921.
J. F. Sinclair, ² 1893.	Enoch Sears, ² 1922.
J. N. Scott, ² 1894.	W. P. Cragin, ² 1923 (died in office).
Norman Buck, ² 1895.	John A. Harris, ² 1923.
C. T. Patterson, ² 1896.	A. P. Lawrence, ² 1924.
J. F. McLean, ² 1897.	William J. Baker, ² 1925.
George W. Tibbetts, ² 1898.	J. H. Shaw, ² 1926.
J. W. Langley, ² 1899.	Byron Phelps, ² 1927.
B. R. Freeman, ² 1900.	Henry P. Burdick, ² 1928.
H. A. Bigelow, ² 1901.	Willis Richardson, ² 1929.
B. C. Bedell, ² 1902.	W. W. Work, ² 1930.
T. H. Cavanaugh, ² 1903.	R. W. Black, ² 1931.
F. M. Davis, ² 1904 (see California and Nevada).	T. F. Coley, ² 1932.
J. T. Goss, ² 1905.	Rustan O. Reed, ² 1933-34.
C. B. Dunning, ² 1906.	D. L. Crossen, ² 1935.
W. H. Mock, ² 1907.	George L. Foster, Denver, Colo., 1936.
George H. Boardman, ² 1908.	L. A. Wilcox, ⁴ Cadott, Wis., 1937.
Lyman Banks, ² 1909.	Rustan O. Reed, ² 1938-41 (died in office).
W. H. Wiscombe, ² 1910 (see California and Nevada).	
John E. Phelps, ² 1889, transferred from Missouri.	
E. A. Shores, ² 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.	

² Deceased.³ Senior vice department commander.⁴ National council of administration.

WEST VIRGINIA (28)

(Organized April 9, 1868 ; reorganized February 20, 1883. Membership,
December 31, 1941, 3. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- A. T. McMURRAY,⁴ Washington.

Senior vice department commander----- JOSEPH A. PYLE, Martins Ferry, Ohio.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Flick, ² 1883.	J. L. Caldwell, ² 1910.
C. B. Smith, ² 1884.	Thomas V. Salisbury, ² 1911.
John Carlin, ² 1885.	F. A. Bilingslea, ² 1912.
G. W. Taggart, ² 1886.	John M. Milan, ² 1913.
Lee Haymond, ² 1887.	T. G. Hammond, ² 1914.
R. E. Fleming, ² 1888.	C. T. Reed, ² 1915.
S. S. Hazen, ² 1889.	James T. Piggott, ² 1916.
George Walker, ² 1890.	S. R. Hanen, ² 1917.
I. H. Duval, ² 1891.	W. T. Cox, ² 1918 (died in office).
Charles E. Anderson, ² 1892.	L. B. Moore, ² 1918-19.
Anthony Smith, ² 1893.	W. S. Grafton, ² 1920.
F. H. Crago, ² 1894.	H. S. White, ² 1921.
R. E. Lee, ² 1895.	W. S. Clark, ² 1922.
R. H. Freer, ² 1896.	T. S. Bonar, ² 1923.
Thomas A. Maulsby, ² 1897.	W. W. Rogers, ² 1924.
Richard Robertson, ² 1898.	Smith Risinger, ² 1925.
Charles R. LeValley, ² 1899.	William Keely, ² 1926.
Arnold Brandley, ² 1900.	P. Dunsmock, ² 1927.
M. B. Bartlett, ² 1901.	W. W. Riley, ² 1928.
C. C. Mathews, ² 1902.	J. T. McCombs, ² 1929.
Alex C. Moore, ² 1903.	Thomas Carder, ² 1930.
O. H. Michaelson, ² 1904.	S. W. Coffee, ² 1931-32.
J. W. Shroyer, ² 1905.	William H. Morris, ² 1933 (died in office).
Thomas M. Mills, ² 1906.	Joseph M. Smith, ² 1933-34.
I. M. Adams, ² 1907.	William M. Smith, ² 1935-36.
Thomas H. Marks, ² 1908.	William Satow, ² 1937.
D. Mayer, ² 1909.	A. T. McMurray, ⁴ Washington, 1938-41.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

WISCONSIN (2)

(Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1941, 19. Posts, 12)

Department commander----- JOHN W. MILLER,¹ Osseo.
Senior vice department commander----- C. L. HOOKER, Virginia, Minn.
Junior vice department commander----- LAWRENCE SNYDER, Monewoc.
Assistant adjutant general----- HENRY ALEXANDER, Baraboo.

DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Ansel Goolsby, Chetek.	Oscar Hurlbut, Baraboo.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, ² 1866.	John W. Ganes, ² 1906.
H. A. Starr, ² 1867.	John C. Martin, ² 1907.
J. M. Rusk, ² 1868.	E. D. Coe, ² 1908 (died in office).
T. S. Allen, ² 1869-70.	R. B. Lang, ² 1909.
Edward Ferguson, ² 1871-72.	William H. Grinnell, ² 1909.
A. J. McCoy, ² 1873.	Frank A. Walsh, ² 1910.
G. A. Hanaford, ² 1874-75.	Hiram J. Smith, ² 1911.
John Hancock, ² 1876.	George W. Spratt, ² 1912.
H. G. Rogers, ² 1877.	Charles H. Henry, ² 1913.
F. S. Hammond, ² 1878.	Samuel A. Cook, ² 1914.
Griff J. Thomas, 1879-81 (see Nebraska).	W. J. McKay, ² 1915.
H. M. Enos, ² 1882.	O. L. Rosenkrans, ² 1916.
Phil Cheek, ² 1883-84.	W. A. Wyse, ² 1917.
James Davidson, ² 1885.	George D. Breed, ² 1918.
Lucius Fairchild, ² 1886.	Robert R. Campbell, ² 1919.
H. P. Fisher, ² 1886.	Walter O. Pietzsch, ² 1920.
Michael Griffin, ² 1887.	M. L. Snyder, ² 1921.
A. G. Weissert, ² 1888.	James F. Carle, ² 1922.
L. Ferguson, ² 1889.	Alfred S. Eaton, ² 1923.
Benjamin F. Bryant, ² 1890.	George W. Morton, ² 1924.
W. H. Upham, ² 1891.	Henry Hase, ² 1925.
C. B. Welton, ² 1892.	Henry Stannard, ² 1926.
E. A. Shores, ² 1893 (see Washington and Alaska).	Henry C. Eaton, ² 1927.
J. A. Watrous, ² 1894.	G. H. Pounder, ² 1928.
W. D. Hoard, ² 1895.	Lloyd D. Sampson, ² 1929.
D. Lloyd Jones, ² 1896.	John H. Hellweg, ² 1930.
E. B. Gray, ² 1897.	W. H. Chesbrough, ² 1931.
C. H. Russell, ² 1898.	George L. Thomas, ² 1932.
Henry Harnden, ² 1899.	Henry Held, ² 1933.
S. H. Talmadge, ² 1899.	Thaddeus Sheerin, ² 1934.
David J. James, ² 1900.	Charles M. Hambright, ² 1935.
A. H. DeGroff, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	Charles F. Moulton, ² 1936.
J. H. Agen, ² 1902.	W. P. Bryant, ² 1937.
J. P. Rundle, ² 1903.	John Hart, ² 1938.
Pliny Norcross, ² 1904.	A. R. Kibbe, ¹ New Richmond, 1939.
F. A. Copeland, ² 1905.	B. Regli, Eau Claire, 1940.
	James F. Jones, Oconomoc, 1941.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

MEMBERS AT LARGE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

William F. Dorsey, Washington, D. C., past department commander, 1932, Department of the Potomac.

John M. Kline, Washington, D. C., past department commander, 1934-41, Department of the Potomac.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

GEORGE A. GAY, commander in chief, Nashua, N. H.

THOMAS RIDENOUR, senior vice commander in chief, Crestline, Ohio.

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EUGENE OWEN, quartermaster general, Lansing, Mich.

WILLIAM W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.

A. R. KIBBE, New Richmond, Wis.

THOMAS STRITCH, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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WILLIAM W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.

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T. B. Williams, assistant adjutant general, Department of Kansas.

John W. Palmer, assistant adjutant general, Department of Maine.

George W. Johnson, assistant adjutant general, Department of Missouri.

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A. R. Kibbe, Wisconsin.

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George N. Alden, Massachusetts.

Theodore A. Penland, Oregon.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL CHARLES A. HEYER

Lyman E. Butterfield, New Hampshire, chairman.

Ira Stormes, Utah.

A. W. Gabrio, Pennsylvania.

Departments in order of seniority, according to dates of permanent organization, as heretofore announced

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois.....	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin.....	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania.....	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio.....	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York.....	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut.....	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts.....	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey.....	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine.....	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada.....	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island.....	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire.....	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont.....	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, ¹ provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867.....	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina ¹	July 27, 1871
	As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina.....	May 20, 1892
16	Maryland, ¹ organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized.....	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska.....	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized.....	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized.....	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized.....	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming.....	Dec. 11, 1879
	As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming.....	Aug. 28, 1889
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1867; reorganized.....	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware.....	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized.....	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized.....	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon.....	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky.....	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized.....	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota ¹	Feb. 27, 1883
	As Department of Dakota; named changed to South Dakota.....	Apr. 11, 1890
30	Washington and Alaska.....	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas.....	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico ¹	July 14, 1883
33	Utah.....	Oct. 9, 1883
34	Tennessee ¹	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi ¹	May 15, 1884
	As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi.....	June 13, 1888
36	Florida.....	June 19, 1884
37	Montana ¹	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas ¹	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho.....	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona ¹	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina ¹	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama ¹	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota.....	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma.....	Apr. 7, 1890
	As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma.....	July 3, 1891
45	Indian Territory.....	July 3, 1891
	Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma, May 19-22, 1908.	

¹ Charter surrendered.

The following members of the Grand Army of the Republic attended the seventy-sixth national encampment:

- Andersen, A. T., Troop B, First West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, Washington, Pa.
- Adams, John C., Company C, Seventeenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, Jonesboro, Ind.
- Barrett, Robert T., Seventeenth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, Dulaney, Ky.
- Bennett, John R., Company A, One Hundred and Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Waynesville, Ohio.
- Brown, Francis, U. S. S. *Hartford*, Kansas City, Kans.
- Bryan, Robert T., Company D, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Boulder, Colo.
- Butterfield, Lyman E., Company G, Third Maine Volunteer Infantry, Manchester, N. H.
- Castle, Oliver E., Company E, Seventy-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Chapman, Joseph L., Company B, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Scranton, Pa.
- Coleman, Richard E., Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Lincoln, Nebr.
- Douglass, Charles, Company C, Fifteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, New Haven, Conn.
- Dunser, John S., Company K, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Oakland, Calif.
- Easterly, Lewis H., Company G, Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Gunnison, Colo.
- Fair, John P., Company H, Sixty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Mankato, Kans.
- Ferguson, Wm. H., Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry; Co. B, One Hundred and Fifty-first Volunteer Infantry, Kent City, Mich.
- Gage, Albert E., Company F, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Chicago, Ill.
- Gay, George A., U. S. S. *Harvest Moon*, Nashua, N. H.
- Graham, Richard R., Company E, Twenty-first Kansas Volunteer Infantry, Madisonville, Ky.
- Grimes, John W., Company D, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Long Beach, Calif.
- Gudgel, John M., Company K, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Shenandoah, Iowa.
- Johnson, George W., Company D, First United States Colored Troops, Kansas City, Mo.
- Jones, Albert G., Company C, Forty-fourth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, Boise, Idaho.
- Jones, George H., Twenty-seventh Unattached Company Maine Volunteer Infantry, Oxford, Maine.
- Keltner, Levi P., Company K, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, Anderson, Ind.
- Le Valley, Orlando, Company E, Twenty-third Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Caro, Mich.
- Lewis, James H., Troop B, Third United States Colored Cavalry, Chicago, Ill.
- Meadows, William M., Company B, Sixteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Castleton, Ind.
- Miller, John W., Company D, Sixteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, Oseo, Wis.
- Moreau, August, U. S. S. *Monitor*, St. Louis, Mo.
- Myers, Milton H., Company K, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Barrington, Ill.
- Nixon, William W., Battery I, Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Heavy Artillery, Jewell, Kans.
- Noll, Thomas J., Company C, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Osborn, William H., Company B, One Hundred and Seventeenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Joplin, Mo.
- Owen, Eugene, Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Parsons, Truman N., Battery G, First Connecticut Heavy Artillery, Stratford, Conn.

- Pearce, Joshua C., Troop H, Ninth Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, Denver, Colo.
Penland, Theodore A., Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Portland, Oreg.
Perry, Charles H., Company C, Thirteenth United States Infantry, Minneapolis, Minn.
Pierce, Orrin S., Company E, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Minneapolis, Minn.
Ridenour, Thomas, Company K, One Hundred and Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Crestline, Ohio.
Rownd, Robert M., Troop B, Ninth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, Ripley, N. Y.
Sharp, Isaac W., Troop G, First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, Warsaw, Ind.
Shumate, Hiram H., Company C, Thirteenth United States Infantry, Riverton, Ill.
Smith, John F., Troop L, Ninth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, Marion, Ind.
Smith, John W., Company D, Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Santa Cruz, Calif.
Stone, Barney, Company E, One Hundred and Eighth United States Colored Infantry, Noblesville, Ind.
Stormes, Ira, Troop M, Second Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Stritch, Thomas H., Company C and Company K, Thirteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, New York, N. Y.
Warner, Martin J., Troop H, Seventieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Williams, Thomas B., Company I, Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Chapman, Kans.
Wilmington, Oscar N., Company F, Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Indianapolis, Ind.
Wingrove, Charles, Troop C, Third West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, Clay Center, Kans.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ENCAMPMENT

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 13 TO 17, 1942

The Seventy-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the Riley room of the Claypoo Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., at 2:10 p. m., on Wednesday, September 16, 1942, Commander in Chief George A. Gay, of Nashua, N. H., presiding.

Commander in Chief GAY. This is the seventy-sixth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Now, comrades, don't get up. Just bow your heads. Now, is our chaplain present?

Secretary KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD. No; he is not.

Commander in Chief GAY. Comrade Rownd, will you officiate as chaplain pro tempore? Now, comrades, don't rise, but lower your heads, and the chaplain will lead us in prayer.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. Dear Heavenly Father, we come into Thy presence with grateful hearts and with deep appreciation of the love that Thou hast extended to this beloved Nation. We praise Thee for the opportunity of meeting this afternoon. We pray that Thou wilt meet with us. Give us wisdom and understanding in our various sessions. May Thy Holy Spirit be with us and direct us. Bless the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Bless the armies of the Nation. Bless the men on land and sea. Bless those that are in the air. Keep the flag waving and the men fighting for liberty and justice and humanity. We ask in Thy holy name. Amen.

Commander in Chief GAY. I now declare this encampment open for such business as may legally come before it. Can you hear me, comrades? The next will be the report of the credentials committee.

Secretary FLOOD (reading):

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The credentials committee met on Monday, September 14, and received credentials from all departments but Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Washington, and Alaska, and West Virginia, reporting a total of 48 comrades entitled to vote, of whom 7 are national officers. We found the net voting strength to be 204. Since credentials were received, other comrades have arrived for the parade and it is possible that some of them are voting members of the encampment and will report later.

T. B. WILLIAMS,
Kansas.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON,
Missouri.

GEORGE H. JONES,
Maine.

Six more comrades have reported, making 54.

Commander in Chief GAY. Now we will have the roll call of officers. Upon roll call by the secretary, the commander in chief, senior vice

commander in chief, junior vice commander in chief, chaplain in chief, quartermaster general, and judge advocate general were found to be present, and the inspector general, chief of staff, and senior aide de camp were reported as being in the building. [They entered later.]

Commander in Chief GAY. The next in order will be the report of your commander.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in chief, there is a committee of ladies who have been out there for nearly 2 hours. They would like to be admitted so they can leave.

Commander in Chief GAY. Very well.

Secretary FLOOD. The officer of the day has arrived and will bring this committee right in.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY (Lt. Edward C. Skinner, Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War). Commander, First World War Mothers. Seven of them are out here to bring greetings.

Commander in Chief GAY. I would like to have comrades bring them in as escorts, but if they cannot let them sit still. [The committee was presented by the officer of the day.]

Mrs. NELLIE W. SAVAGE, President Marion County Chapter of American War Mothers of World War No. 1. As President of the Marion County Chapter of American War Mothers it gives me great pleasure to present to you this basket of flowers for our honorable, loved and beloved veterans of the Civil War. Many of our fathers were Civil War veterans and others of us are granddaughters of our Civil War veterans. We honor you and it is a great pleasure to be here today.

Commander in Chief GAY. It is a great pleasure to have the members of your organization come to us. You know we only get together once a year. Your friends come in probably that you have not seen for years. You will meet them and you will chat together. I know that you are glad to meet them and to greet them. You are an inspiration to the Grand Army of the Republic. Just convey to your organization, if you will, our love and respect for your organization. Thank you. [Committee retired]

Secretary FLOOD. Do you want the reporter to read the address?

Commander in Chief GAY. Yes. The next in order will be the address of your commander in chief.

(The junior vice commander in chief took the chair, and the shorthand reporter then read to the encampment the address of the commander in chief, as follows:)

ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

One year ago, at the seventy-fifth national encampment held at Columbus, Ohio, I was elected commander in chief, the highest honor that can be given a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. With the full assurance of the support of my comrades, and with the help of our efficient secretary, Miss Katharine Flood, promised me, I was installed as leader of the organization.

The organizations of my home city, Nashua, N. H., had arranged to meet me at the station with a band, but due to a delay in train connections the band could not wait for our arrival. However, I was

taken to the city hall, where the mayor of Nashua extended the greetings and congratulations of the city from the steps of city hall. Representatives of the allied orders of the Grand Army, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars were also present to greet me. I responded to the cordial welcome, after which I was escorted home in an auto decorated with tricolored bunting.

The National Woman's Relief Corps invited the Grand Army of the Republic to establish its permanent headquarters in the newly purchased building in Springfield, Ill. Since our organization is incorporated by act of Congress, we cannot establish a permanent headquarters outside the District of Columbia. However, the national encampment voted to accept the invitation for 1 year. We were assured the building was ready for us to move in and that the national treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps would be established there when our secretary should arrive with our books and files. However, when Miss Flood arrived she was met by the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps and the chairman of the home board, who were making plans for remodeling the building, which delayed the transfer of the national treasurer from her home to Springfield.

We were assigned two rooms on the second floor, none on the first floor being suitable for office purposes. They were furnished with beautiful walnut furniture, and the secretary worked alone in the building until November 5, when the carpenters, steamfitters, electricians, plumbers, and plasterers moved in. I did not believe she should be asked to work under such conditions and instructed her to move to Massachusetts headquarters in the State House, Boston, until the remodeling was completed. While she was there I was able to consult with her on organization matters several times. We were notified about the middle of December that alterations were completed, but as I did not want Miss Flood working in that house alone, I decided not to reopen headquarters in Springfield until the national treasurer of the Relief Corps had opened her office there. Accordingly on January 20, 1942, headquarters were again established at 629 South Seventh Street, Springfield. From my experience this year, I am firmly of the opinion that headquarters should not be at such a distance from the commander in chief, and I recommend that the secretary shall be located in the city or town where the commander in chief resides.

Invitations from various organizations came pouring in from far and near. September 25, with my wife (who accompanies me on all my trips) we visited the tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Townsend, Mass. October 3 I visited in Providence, R. I. October 6 I attended the diamond anniversary of the founding of the Togus Home for Disabled Veterans in Maine. I was presented with a gavel and standard made by members of the Legion Hobby Shop. October 17 I attended a reception given Mrs. Isabel Green, department junior vice president of the Woman's Relief Corps at Jamaica Plain, Mass.; October 20, attended inspection of the Ladies of the G. A. R. at Concord, N. H.; October 22, attended the sixty-first anniversary of the Woman's Relief Corps at Pittsfield, N. H.

On November 4, my ninety-third birthday, also my third wedding anniversary, I was tendered a reception by the four allied orders, Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

War of my home city, Nashua, N. H. My wife and I were escorted from our home to the city auditorium by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Drum Corps with police escort. At the auditorium I was met by State Trooper Joyal, who was my official aide for the evening. Led by color bearers and followed by a long line of representatives of various organizations, a grand march took us to the head of the hall, where to the strains of the music of an orchestra the many friends congregated shook my hand and those of my guests. A short program, with Cleon Heald, secretary of the Department of New Hampshire, G. A. R., acting as master of ceremonies, was presented. He also read many telegrams from those who were unable to attend. A large birthday cake, and a huge umbrella with over 300 birthday cards hanging from it, drawn in a cart by 3 little girls, was presented to me, and a social hour followed.

November 15 I joined the local camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and my wife pinned the badge on my coat. November 15 I attended a district meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Manchester, N. H., and November 17 visited the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Chelsea, Mass. November 22 the organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic in Massachusetts gave me, with Department Commander Snow sharing the honors, a banquet and reception. Over 400 were present. I was presented with a purse of \$50 from the allied orders, also a set of 6 flags on chromium poles and standard from Camp 61, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

November 29 I attended the district meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Newport, N. H. December 6 I attended a joint installation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary at Hillsboro, N. H. December 30 I went to the hospital of the soldiers' home at Chelsea, Mass., to visit national patriotic instructor, Comrade George W. Green, who was confined there. January 5 I attended the installation of officers of Tent No. 45, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at Haverhill, Mass. January 11 I attended the funeral of Department Commander Samuel Snow at Marblehead, Mass. January 14 I attended the installation of officers of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at New Bedford, Mass., and while there I installed Comrade George N. Alden as department commander to fill the office made vacant by the death of Commander Snow.

January 17 I attended a banquet and entertainment at Malden, Mass., of the North Metropolitan District Association of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. January 24 I attended a banquet and reception given by Department of Massachusetts, American Legion, to their national commander, Lynn U. Stambaugh, at Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass. January 29 I attended installation and fifty-third anniversary of the Woman's Relief Corps at Haverhill, Mass. February 3 I went to Indianapolis to complete plans for the national encampment and at a meeting of the executive committee in Indianapolis, that city was selected for the national encampment to meet September 13 to 18.

February 14 I attended the Lincoln Birthday observance at Tremont Temple given by the Past Presidents' Association of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. February 18 I visited

Comrades Green and Staples at soldiers' home hospital and installed Comrade Staples as senior vice department commander of the department. February 21 I went to Brockton to the camp of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, where seven new members were initiated. March 7 I received word of the death of Comrade Green, national patriotic instructor, attended the funeral on the 11th and delivered the eulogy.

April 4 I went to Providence, R. I., to attend the department encampment. I attended the memorial services of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and met with the trustees of the G. A. R. fund and found matters settled satisfactorily. April 5 I attended the department convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, where I met the national president, Mrs. May Luchsinger. April 6 I arrived in Boston. I attended services for members of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied orders and I placed the flowers for the Grand Army and made a few remarks. April 7 the department encampment opened with five comrades present. I installed Comrade John E. Bronson as national patriotic instructor to fill the unexpired term of Comrade George W. Green. Miss Flood pinned the badge on his coat. I visited the allied orders holding their conventions in the city and attended the campfire of the Woman's Relief Corps. April 9 I went to Concord, N. H., to attend the department encampment of New Hampshire. I attended the dedication of a sundial on the State House lawn, erected as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic by the allied orders. April 15 went to Bridgeport, Conn., to attend the department encampment. Two comrades were present and they presented me with an electric radio clock. While there I was taken to call on Assistant Adjutant General VanDeusen, who was ill at home. May 20 I delivered the Memorial Day address in Keene, N. H.

June 1 I left Nashua for the Michigan encampment in Grand Rapids, Mich., where we were received most cordially by Miss Leah Simpson, department secretary of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, and escorted to our hotel. There we met the national president of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, and representatives of all the other allied orders. We visited the conventions of all the orders, and after election of officers by the department encampment, I installed them. We visited the Soldiers Home in Grand Rapids and here shook hands with 168 persons and were taken to call on Department Commander Park, who was too ill to attend the encampment.

We went from Grand Rapids to Illinois for the Illinois encampment, staying at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago Saturday night. We arrived in Springfield Sunday afternoon and were met by Mr. Oscar Ansell, manager of the convention bureau; Hon. Warren Wright, State treasurer; and Miss Flood. I spent the rest of the day discussing official business with Miss Flood. Monday afternoon I visited national headquarters and had a part in the dedication, in the front hall of the national headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps, of a bronze tablet with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, presented by the Department of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps, in honor of the 10 Illinois comrades who had served as commanders in chief and the 6 Illinois women who had served as national presidents. Tuesday I at-

tended a presentation of a bronze tablet of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by the Department of Illinois Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This tablet is set on the wall by the elevators in the lobby of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. That afternoon we went to Lincoln's Tomb and I placed a wreath in the name of the National Grand Army of the Republic and one of the attendants sounded Taps. Tuesday evening we attended the banquet of the Woman's Relief Corps and then went to the campfire in the Centennial Building.

Wednesday morning, instead of having the usual parade, all the comrades were taken to the State fair grounds, where 4,000 soldiers are being trained in aviation ground work. The commanding officer welcomed us and escorted us through the grounds and store houses. Wednesday evening I attended the fathers' and daughters' banquet given by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and this was followed by a reception to the department officers of the Woman's Relief Corps.

We are grateful to the Department of Illinois, Comrade Hiram Shumate, department commander, and Miss Clara F. Hoover, department secretary of Illinois, Grand Army, for entertainment and courtesies extended.

June 12 we left Springfield and were met in Chicago by Mr. and Mrs. James Blackman and Mrs. Gladys Sallman, who entertained us at dinner in the Sherman Hotel. We then visited the Eva B. Blackman Junior Auxiliary and were well pleased with the visit. We were then taken to the train for our trip to Uniontown, Pa. There we again met the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. May Luchsinger, and the national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Miss Ethelyn Smith, and representatives of the other allied organizations. Sunday morning, June 14, we went to the Third Presbyterian Church, where Flag Day services were held and the Woman's Relief Corps presented a flag. In the evening we went to Christ Methodist Church where another flag was presented by the Woman's Relief Corps. Monday we visited Friendship Hill, the house built in 1784; also visited Summit Hill, and on the way back visited the Carrol, or "the Old Fort." Tuesday I met with Commander Gabrio, Comrade Chapman, Past Commander in Chief Anderson, and the department reporter and matters pertaining to department affairs were settled. We were entertained at a luncheon by the Rotary Club and I was presented with a cane made at Andersonville Prison by Amos H. Collins, of Uniontown.

June 16 we left for the New Jersey Department Encampment at Atlantic City. On Thursday we attended a reception given by the Woman's Relief Corps, and Friday visited the convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I also visited the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, where I was presented with a purse of \$10. In the evening a campfire was held in Hotel Madison. Saturday I visited the convention of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Sunday we left Atlantic City for the department encampment of Vermont. Monday I attended the Grand Army Encampment where Comrade Heyer was reelected department commander and I installed him. I also visited the meetings of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We attended a dinner given by the Woman's

Relief Corps, where the mayor and ex-Mayor Burns, 95 years old, were among the speakers, and attended the camp fire at City Hall in the evening. We left Burlington on June 26 and arrived home in Nashua that day.

MEMBERSHIP

The report of the adjutant general shows of course a loss in membership; 244 members were mustered out last year, among them Quartermaster General J. A. Hamilton, December 23, 1941; National Patriotic Instructor George W. Green, on March 8, 1942; Assistant Adjutant General Charles A. Heyer, on July 13; and Surgeon General Edward H. Cowan, on August 1. In addition 7 members of the national council of administration, 9 department commanders, 4 assistant adjutants general, and 2 senior vice department commanders died in office and 4 past junior vice commanders in chief and 5 past department commanders were mustered out. Three departments have been closed by death. The deaths of Department Commanders John Shearer, of Texas, and Charles A. Heyer, of Vermont, have closed these departments. Nevertheless we still have 31 departments in good condition, with 270 posts and 3 national members at large, 2 past department commanders from Washington, D. C., and 1 past senior vice department commander from Baltimore, Md.

FINANCES

Every care has been taken to cut expenses and everything has been purchased at the lowest price possible. Our expenses this year have been increased partly because of the increase in cost of all office supplies, but more particularly because it was necessary for the secretary to move headquarters temporarily to Boston and because of the trip made in the spring to consult with me on important matters. This expense was the greater because of the increase in railroad fares and Government tax.

When Quartermaster General J. A. Hamilton died I appointed Comrade Eugene Owen, the assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general of Michigan, in his stead and he arranged with Miss Leah Simpson, department secretary of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, to keep the books for him, as she had for Comrades Estabrook and Hamilton.

The permanent fund last year showed a balance of \$4,000 par value city of New York corporate bonds and \$1,150.96 in cash. In July I ordered \$1,000 transferred to the general fund to provide sufficient funds to meet expenses of this encampment. The report of the Union Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, custodian for the permanent fund shows a balance of \$399.46 in cash and securities of \$4,000.

LEGISLATION

We had hoped to succeed this year in securing the passage of House Resolution 1091 giving pensions to widows of Civil War veterans who had lived with their husbands for 10 years. However, the entrance of this country into war made such a demand on the Government for funds that we knew no pension legislation could be secured during the war and should not be asked for.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I wish to thank the National Woman's Relief Corps for the use of our headquarters rooms in their national headquarters building in Springfield, Ill., and our secretary expresses her appreciation of courtesies received from their president and officers, and particularly from Mrs. Minnie VanTuyl, national treasurer and custodian. We are indebted to the Department of Massachusetts for the use of one of their rooms in the State House, Boston, Mass., and Miss Flood and I thank the department secretary, Mrs. Helen A. Phinney, for her courtesy and favors extended. I want to extend my sincere thanks to the many friends in my home city, Nashua, N. H., for the honors they have shown me during my term of office.

I return thanks to all the members of my staff and am grateful to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Auxiliary and allied orders for the many flowers and gifts received on my birthday and on my visits, and my wife joins me in extending thanks for these and all other courtesies shown us. They were too numerous to mention.

I am most appreciative of the many favors received from, and the cooperation given by, the presiding officers of our Auxiliary and allied orders. Mrs. May Luchsinger, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Glennola G. Sill, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Albert C. Lambert, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, were all at the reception given me in Boston on November 22. Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., was unable to attend, but was represented there. It was the last time Mrs. Sill met with us, as she was taken ill after that trip and passed away on May 22. Flowers were sent to the funeral from our organization and our secretary attended the funeral in Chicago as my representative. Mrs. Erma Chaplin, senior vice president, succeeded Mrs. Sill as president.

Mrs. Zola Miller Donahoe again arranged for the decoration of graves in the South on Memorial Day. Her report shows appreciation of this service. The United States Ambassador to England placed our wreath at the Lincoln Statue and wrote that he "was glad to be of service to the Grand Army of the Republic." The Ambassador to Mexico also placed our wreath at the services on May 30 in the United States National Cemetery in Mexico City.

To my adjutant general, Russell C. Martin, I am indebted for advice given me from his years of service and rejoice at the news that his health has so improved that he expected to meet us in Indianapolis in September. I appreciate also the service given and the efficiency of our national secretary, Katharine R. A. Flood, and recommend her continuance in office.

And now the year is nearly at an end. It has been unique, in that I am the second sailor to have been elected commander in chief in our 76 years of existence, and to you, my comrades, I say: "Thank you for this honor." I have tried to be a faithful comrade and officer. To each and everyone who contributed to make this a successful year for me, I am indeed grateful. We met and made many friends, and I am sure the same loyal support will be given my successor as I have received.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief J. S. DUMSER (during the reading). Comrades, I am interrupting because General Hines, of Washington, representing the Government, is in waiting. We will receive him at this moment.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, General Hines.

Commander in Chief GAY. Please escort him to the platform. General, I am glad to shake your hand, sir. Just step right before the mike there. Comrades, this is General Hines, who will now address you.

Brig. Gen. FRANK T. HINES (Administrator of Veterans' Affairs). Mr. Commander in Chief and veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, may I say to you that I know of no greater honor that can come to a man than to have the opportunity of coming here and witnessing what I have seen today and having the honor of speaking to you informally.

We are here together in a small, compact convention because this is your seventy-sixth meeting of this kind—meeting in the same city where you first met, but undoubtedly not under the same conditions.

First, I want you to know what I will again say at your campfire tonight, that I bring to you the personal greeting of our Commander in Chief, the President of the United States. He wanted me to particularly express his appreciation for all that the Grand Army has done and all that it stands for.

Today I witnessed a sight at your parade that would make any citizen, true American citizen, proud. Your commander in chief on leaving the automobile that he rode in stepped out with the American flag. There were several there that would have been glad to have carried that flag forward with him, but I was proud, and I think he was, too, when that flag was conveyed to the reviewing stand by a young Boy Scout. And I am willing to say that the young man would not have traded places with any of us or even with the President of the United States. I will never forget that.

I have had the honor for now nearly 20 years to be the head of either the Veterans' Bureau or Veterans' Administration. It has been my duty to see that the laws passed by Congress dealing with those men who have served their country in time of emergency are fairly dealt with and that the benefits that the Congress and the people desire should go to them be paid and paid promptly.

I have seen grow up under that agency of our Federal Government the greatest system of hospitals that any Nation has had. It has been our purpose and will be our purpose to do everything we can to make them the very best. I have endeavored for this great arm to do a little bit more, if it were possible. I have been gratified from time to time to receive from them letters of expression of their appreciation for what was coming to them.

I fully realize that there are but few of you left, but I want to say to you with frankness if there is anything further that we can do to further your cause, even up to the last man, I will be only too glad to do anything I can for you.

Your commander in chief in inviting me to this encampment was kind enough to say in his invitation that he looked upon me as a friend of the Grand Army. That letter means much to me. I had the opportunity of serving my country in two minor wars and in the last war. I offered my services promptly in this war, but the President

told me to stay where I am for the present. But, of course, few of us have had the same opportunity of serving in the capacity that you men have served.

There never will be a time in the history of your country when the Grand Army can be forgotten. Your service has stood for more than the fact that it held together our Nation. It means much in these present times. But it has always stood for those high ideals of citizenship, patriotism, and love of country that is so much needed in a country such as ours. The only regret we have as citizens of our country is that there are not more of you still and that you could not last forever.

I appreciate, Mr. Commander in Chief, this opportunity. If you have any problems you would like to ask me questions on I will be glad to answer them while I am here for this brief stay. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief GAY. General Hines, I know that it is the expression of my comrades, knowing that you have been here to speak to them, that you have done a wonderful job. Not only that, sir, I wrote your President and said, "Would you kindly release that band for my convention?" and he wrote me a very, very nice letter and they are here, and I want to assure you it is a great inspiration.

General HINES. It is for anybody to have seen what I have seen.

Commander in Chief GAY. I am glad to have met you. Now, will you sit down on the platform?

Secretary FLOOD. I would like to tell these comrades what the General has done for us in the last month.

Commander in Chief GAY. All right.

Secretary FLOOD. I want to tell the comrades that up to the 23d of August the committee of this city had been unable to obtain any metal to make the badges you are now wearing as delegates. I asked General Hines to help me. I was writing to him on other matters and I just casually told him our difficulties. I knew I didn't have to do anything more. And we had the metal released on the 23d of August because the general interceded with the Board handling the metals, and we have the badges, thanks to him.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER (resuming the chair). Will the reporter please come to this mike and continue the reading of the commander's address?

(The reading of the address of the commander in chief was continued and concluded.)

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER. Comrades, you have heard the reading of the report or address of the commander in chief. It is excellent. Do I hear a motion?

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. Vice commander and chairman, I move that we accept the commander's report and that it be entered in the journal.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER. Should it not be referred?

Secretary FLOOD. It should be referred to a committee.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER. That is right.

Comrade EASTERLY. I believe that is the custom to refer it to a committee.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER. Is there a second to this motion? [Motion seconded.] You have heard the motion and its second. Those favoring the motion manifest it by saying "Aye." Noes? The motion is carried unanimously. So ordered. Will the secretary read the committee, please?

Secretary FLOOD. Committee on address of the commander in chief: Robert M. Rownd, past commander in chief; A. T. Anderson, past commander in chief; W. W. Nixon, past commander in chief.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER. Reference will now be made to them. Commander, if you will relieve me?

Commander in Chief GAY (resuming the chair). These comrades that have been appointed on the committee, I have a room there that you can go to. I don't know how soon. But you can make the report after you have had time to look over that report. My room is at 740. It is nice and cool up there. Go and take your time and when you get ready, come down and make that report. I presume we won't have an opportunity to do that until late, or maybe not until tomorrow morning, I don't know. But I wish you would do it just as expeditiously as possible.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. You have made some very important recommendations there, and they will consider those carefully and give us their judgment.

Commander in Chief GAY. There is the report. Of course, there is something else I would like to say concerning it as long as we are under this.

During my administration—in regard to our secretary and the commander in chief, I don't think that you have ever made rulings as concerns your commander in chief and your secretary. Now, I want to make this plain to you. I had the experience this year. What would you think of having your commander in chief over in San Francisco and your secretary in Boston? You know they cannot expedite their business. And that is not all the reasons. For instance, we have had these instances two or three times. We have had deaths down our way of our comrades. I never knew that she got the telegram or not, and it was only a 1-day burial. I had heard nothing from her. They were our comrades. I went to work and ordered the flowers and sent them in there from the national organization. Well, now, I want to explain so that you know.

There is another point right in there, which is this: It is costly. You are spending money for things that you need not spend it for, as the air mail. You want to expedite that as quick as you can across the country to reach the secretary.

Well, then, there are other things that took place that, of course, it takes time to do it. Now, there are letters that should go from there to the secretary, and I get them over there as quick as I can, and sometimes I don't consider it is quick enough.

And now, Miss Secretary, I want you to help me out, and I will tell part of this story. I want these boys to understand it.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in chief and comrades, I have worked under difficulties. Your commander in chief was in Nashua, N. H., and I was in Springfield, Ill. Papers came into the office that should be taken care of in 24 hours. I had no authority to take care of them,

and I could not reach the commander in chief in 24 hours to have them taken care of. And under those conditions your business cannot be transacted properly. And I hope you will give this some thought and be ready to vote when the report of the committee on the commander in chief's address is made to your encampment. That is one of his recommendations, and you should think about it so you will know what you are voting about when Comrade Rownd's committee reports.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you. Well, now, while we are on committees, there is something further that I want to say to you. You, of course, are the Grand Army of the Republic in part. Now, this may not meet your approbation, but while we are waiting we will see. And that is this: All organizations all over the United States, as far as I know, have been buying a bond—Government bonds—for this explicit purpose, and that is, that we may have money enough so that we can keep the boys flying. Now, I know that there are many crossroads concerning this, but we, as the Grand Army of the Republic, who have been recognized all along the way, let's not let our Government down.

In 1861 to 1865 you fought for this old flag and you brought it home, and you and I and the rest of the boys who were in that conflict have got the honor of saving our Nation at that time. Well, now, I know there are crossroads in here. I have talked with some of the comrades and they look at it like this: What is going to become of that money? Are we ever going to get our interest on that? Well, now, that is a question that I don't know that I would want to say yes.

Let me explain. If Hitler should win out, our Government would be lost. But the safest way to keep our boys flying and to lick Hitler is to buy a bond. Now, you and I and many of the comrades here—I don't expect a cent. I don't want it. But I do want the Government of the United States to know that the Grand Army of the Republic is 100 percent for this Government and that our way of life shall forever last, and the only way we can do it is to give them a bond.

You will pardon me, but I want to explain this, comrades, because I really think it is essential. For heaven's sake, let's keep our country in mind. You, as the Grand Army of the Republic, have got one of the best names there is. But what will they think of it? Here is the Grand Army of the Republic; they don't seem to care much about this Nation. Don't let them think it of us.

Now, I am going to make a suggestion right here, and that is this: There are many angles concerning this. Supposing, when the time comes, that you and I and the rest of us are gone, what do you care? What do you and I care? Well, you may say, "What do I care? Why, it is money." Well, listen. Can't you make provisions providing after you are gone that they can have the benefit of it? I am sure our Government would recognize that, and I do hope, comrades—I would like to have a discussion from you and clear it up. Now, I would like you comrades to get up and to express yourselves just how you feel in doing what I would like to have you do. I am not going to call on any comrade here, but get up and express yourselves what you think. Will you do that?

Comrade HIRAM H. SHUMATE, of Illinois. How long would you be limited to talk? I have got a lot to say. Speaking about Government bonds, I have a number of bonds, and I am taking out Govern-

ment stamps every month, taking out 5 percent now of my pension, and next month I expect to make it 10 percent. If I had my way about it, there would be a whole lot of changes made in this country? I will tell you something. How long have we got?

Commander in Chief GAY. Just cut it as short as you can. Let us know what you think about it.

Comrade SHUMATE. What I think about it. I want to win. I am in the Grand Army, not for what I get out of it, but for the precepts—fraternity, charity, and loyalty. For 55 years I have aimed to carry out this principle. I would like to tell you some things—where I stand.

Commander in Chief GAY. Never mind that, because we haven't got time.

Comrade SHUMATE. I expect to carry on 10 percent every month as long as my pension lasts and as long as I live. I am for going to win. What would it amount to if we didn't win? Everything we love and that is dear to us. Now, 100 percent—speaking about the President, he is at the wheel guiding the old ship of state. I stand 100 percent back of him.

Commander in Chief GAY. Cut it short.

Comrade SHUMATE. Thank you.

Commander in Chief GAY. I would love to give you time, but we cannot do it. Let's call this thing up now. I want some more support.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER of California and Nevada. Without spending very much time over this—I don't know whether you want a show of hands—I doubt if there is a comrade here who is not buying bonds. The speaker has bought several times and is willing to do more of it.

Commander in Chief GAY. I want to say to you it is not in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is their private bonds. We are not going to be recognized. I have got some money in there, but it won't be.

Comrade DUMSER. None of us will live to collect on those bonds.

Commander in Chief GAY. If you don't live you don't need it.

Comrade DUMSER. As patriotic citizens we are buying them.

Commander in Chief GAY. It is all right. You boys can take the results. That is all. I am going to tell you my opinion here. I am a fellow that expresses myself. It doesn't show a patriotic spirit. You may have all bought bonds, I have bought bonds, but they don't know about it as concerning the Grand Army of the Republic. I will actually leave this convention with shame if we cannot buy one bond. What do we care? It is going to help our Nation. We have got a generation coming on here, and we must keep them flying, and it takes money. Just a moment and we will get rid of it. I don't know as we can get any expression here. I dislike very much to have General Hines go back to Washington and say they won't buy bonds, that we as an organization will not buy bonds.

Past Commander in Chief W. W. NIXON. Commander, can I say a word?

Commander in Chief GAY. You can say all you wish.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I think every one of us should take \$10 out of every \$100 and buy War bonds. That is the way I feel. There are some of the comrades maybe who cannot do it, who

have other expenses so that they cannot do it. But now every comrade that can do it, take \$10 out of that \$100 and buy War bonds. That is the way I feel.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. I believe that we can settle that in a minute. I believe that all these comrades are buying all the bonds they can buy and afford to. I believe they are buying \$10 worth every month. Let's get to something else. I believe they are all doing their duty to their Government even now that they are old, and buying bonds.

Commander in Chief GAY. Is that in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic that you are buying that bond?

Comrade EASTERLY. I don't think anybody has thought about making mention that the Grand Army of the Republic is buying bonds. When you commenced to talk it was that each of us would buy bonds. There is no mention yet of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GAY. Is that in the name of the Grand Army expression?

Comrade EASTERLY. It would take a long time to get every fellow.

Commander in Chief GAY. Yes; because you fellows won't talk. Well, never mind.

Comrade MARTIN J. WARNER, of Michigan. I am in favor of buying bonds, and when the war broke out I felt that I would like to do something further than I was able to do. So I wrote the president of our Relief Corps that if they would buy a \$25 bond that I would buy a bond. It was some time before I heard from them, and just before our convention they came up to the soldiers' home and said they had the money to buy the bond. I said, "Our reunion will be the 4th of June. I will be down there to the hotel to get our bonds." Well, we bought our bonds. She bought hers and I bought mine, but I have never got mine. I can't find anything of it. That was through the bank. I am in favor of buying a bond. I think we could do more that way than anything else and help the Government more.

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. This matter of the bond business is either an individual effort or a national effort. Now, I would like the voice of the boys here which it is. Is it individual or national? What is your opinion, this question of the bond business, individual or national?

I for myself will say it is national. I want to ask any of you if you received in your pension check a request to buy bonds. I did, and I bought bonds.

The question, if I understand it right, is this, that the Grand Army wants to appear as a purchaser of bonds. I would suggest—I understand that there is no motion before the house, but I would suggest that in lieu of the permanent fund or any other funds that are not what we call serviceable, go into bonds, Government bonds, at the present time, through the authority of the Grand Army of the Republic. I merely suggest that. If you want it as a motion I will put it that way. Then I will make this motion, that all funds not otherwise available for service purposes—what is the meaning of service purposes—salaries? I will finish the motion and then I will give the floor, to this effect. The motion is to this effect, that the Grand Army invest in Government bonds of the available funds that it is possessed of or that are not for service purposes.

Comrade EASTERLY. What law have we as a body to buy bonds?

Commander in Chief GAY. No law.

Comrade EASTERLY. That is what I thought.

Commander in Chief GAY. No law. We might as well call this off because I see it is not your attitude. It is not my funeral really.

Comrade EASTERLY. If the Grand Army wanted to buy bonds who has the right to determine the issue and the amount?

Commander in Chief GAY. That after you vote, if you will, then we will pave the way further on. You are not obliged to talk about the other part of it before. You want to know whether the boys want to buy them or not.

Secretary FLOOD. May I tell you something about your funds, how much money you have available for that purpose?

Commander in Chief GAY. Whatever you think you can buy. You can buy a bond of any denomination you want to. But I was going, after I got a vote—there is no use going any further until I know what you want to do. I was going to make a motion. We are all getting \$100 a month here, and it would not hurt, with the number of comrades that we have here, if we should put into our Government here just a dollar or two apiece and buy a bond. You can buy any kind of a bond you want. But I would like to get an expression that the Government of the United States would know we were 100 percent behind them. I don't believe in taking it out of the treasury. You haven't got any more money than you need. I have bought bonds, but it is not in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. And I am going to give some more. But I had only just one reason, and that was I would like to know that the Grand Army of the Republic during my administration thought enough of that Government of ours that we go on record as buying a bond. Don't buy it as individuals, but to get recognition.

Secretary FLOOD. Let me tell you how much you have that is available to do that. You have some. Under the incorporation by Congress you have the right to buy a bond. Your Federal incorporation gives you the right to invest your money. This year, for the first time since the Grand Army went on a budget in 1932, we are closing the books with a balance of about \$200, and then we will start the next administration with the money given Monday night. This is the first time that has happened since 1932. The Grand Army went on a budget that year and did not balance its books before it started, and I have tried to manipulate the expenses ever since so that we might finally close the books clear. When the bills of this administration are paid there will be about \$200 left in your general fund. But you had \$4,250 given you the other night for your general fund, and we still have the right to call on the permanent fund for running expenses. So if you want to spend \$200 you have it to spend.

Comrade EASTERLY. That is the point.

Comrade OSCAR N. WILMINGTON, of Indiana. This is personal business. I have bought, and I expect to hand over some more. So the Grand Army is doing it in one way or another. Therefore it is a personal matter. We cannot tell a man to pay out his money if he don't want to.

Commander in Chief GAY. No, no, no. That is not contemplated.

Comrade WILMINGTON. It is a personal matter. They ought to buy

them without asking. If we have anything more we will have more. The Grand Army don't have to tell me to buy, or anybody else. That is my opinion about it.

General HINES. At your kind invitation I would like to make just one observation. I know I have no right to speak on this subject, but probably what I say will be helpful to you. There is nobody that can criticise the Grand Army of the Republic. Your record is such that no matter what you do on this issue there will be no criticism. But if you do pass a motion here to the effect that it is the sense of this convention that the individual members of the Grand Army, to the extent that they feel able to, will buy Government bonds, you will have the complete answer to anyone in this country or any other country.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you.

Comrade DUMSER. We have heard General Hines explain this method to us. I move that we accept his suggestion for adoption by this encampment.

Commander in Chief GAY. Do you hear the motion? What is your pleasure? (Seconded by Past Commander in Chief Rownd.) I am not going to ask to have it seconded. I don't think it is necessary. What do you want to do with the report?

Comrade GAGE. I would suggest that there be a vote on this question, that they stand up and we count the votes.

Comrade SHUMATE. What is the motion?

Commander in Chief GAY. If you comrades understand what it is all about please rise and we will count you, whether it is yes or no.

Comrade ISAAC W. SHARP, of Indiana. He wants to know what the motion is.

Commander in Chief GAY. The motion is really simply this. It recommends any way that you want it, but if you want to go in as an organization of the Grand Army of the Republic you can be recognized that way. Now, they have got your names separately there. If you are members of the Grand Army of the Republic that is a different thing.

(The pending motion was then read to the encampment by the shorthand reporter.)

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. I want to say that this is a private affair. I bought bonds a long while ago. I would not tell you what I have bought, or anybody else. That is a private affair.

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of that report you have just heard, will you please say "Aye." Contrary? It is a vote. That settles that.

Secretary FLEOD. There are two committees in waiting.

Commander in Chief GAY. Very well.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. I have pleasure in presenting a committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. EDWINA P. TRIGG, past national president. Comrade commander, and comrades of my father, I have a very pleasant duty to perform today. I come from Missouri where there is a comrade who makes gavels. He wanted me to present this gavel to the commander in chief, your commander in chief and my commander in chief. This wood on the front of the gavel was from Bull Run, and the comrade got the piece of wood that made the hammer in Washington, D. C., when the encampment met there. And this is from a piece of wood where Mark Twain lived in Missouri, and where Abraham Lincoln

lived for 2 years. I am happy to present this gavel from Comrade Hollingsworth of Missouri, who was the commander of the department last year. I am Mrs. Edwina P. Trigg, past national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrade Gay, this gavel is from Comrade Hollingsworth of Missouri. He is now in bed. This is the last gavel he has made. It was finished on the 22d of May, and he wanted that I should present it to you.

Commander in Chief GAY. I thank you very much.

Mrs. TRIGG. Here is the history of the wood. I am bringing greetings to you with a bouquet of flowers.

Commander in Chief GAY. Just convey to your organization that it is always an inspiration when you ladies come in here and bring your greetings. Say to your organization that we love you; you have been loyal so long.

Mrs. ORPHEA WHITAKER, past national president. I am Orpha M. Whitaker, past national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. And, commander in chief and comrades, today I am highly honored by being selected by our national president to come to you with this committee to bring the greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. It seems there are times with all of us when we feel unable to express just what we feel in our hearts, and today that is my position because there is no honor I could enjoy more than this, that I might come to you, our commander in chief, Comrade Gay, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, with these greetings. We say that we pledge anew to you our love and our gratitude. We shall endeavor to continue on and keep green in the heart of America the memory of your devotion and sacrifice to our country.

Commander in chief, this is the personal greetings from our national president, Miss Ethelyn P. Smith. With it comes her love—love, I said—and best wishes for you. She has enjoyed her work with you so much.

Commander in Chief GAY. Just convey to her that I appreciate it very much—any little gift, no matter what it is, and if it is no gift at all it is just the same, because I know, and my comrades know, that you have been faithful all the way along the line.

Mrs. ILLA MAE ARMSTRONG, past department president of Pennsylvania. I am Ila Mae Armstrong, past department president of Pennsylvania. I am very proud and happy to have this honor to come with this committee and bring to you the greetings of the national body of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have had many honors in the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, but I deem this the highest honor that has ever been given me, to come to you with the greetings from the national president and from the Department of Pennsylvania.

Comrade Gay, I know that you are busy and I know you have lots of business. I am not going to take up any more of your time, but wish you all Godspeed.

Commander in Chief GAY. I am sure we are all happy to see you here because every year when we have our conventions were it not for you coming in here and bringing your greetings we could not be very much inspired. God bless you. Carry on.

Mrs. GRACE BELL, department president of Nebraska. I am Grace Bell, department president of Nebraska. I am happy to have this pleasure of bringing to the national body of the Grand Army of the

Republic our greetings and love. My father served with a Pennsylvania regiment, Company A, Twenty-seventh Regiment. Without taking up any more of your time I again say, best wishes, love, and good-bye.

Commander in Chief GAY. Convey to your organization the love that the Grand Army bears for you. [The committee retired.]

Now, boys, there is one thing I would like to have you do, and it is this. It just slipped my mind for a moment. Don't rise, but as these ladies of the different organizations come in here, and when they make their exit, will you just kindly do this—salute them. Don't rise, because it is an effort. If you will do that I will thank you. I think it shows a little recognition. The officer of the day.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in chief, Itol B. Clough, department president of the Daughters of Veterans of New Hampshire, with her committee of greetings.

Mrs. CLOUGH. I am Itol B. Clough, of Nashua, N. H., department president of the Daughters of Veterans. I wanted to come in here and greet my commander in chief, who is from the same State that I am. So of course we came in here. These three ladies, one is our secretary, Sister C. Isabelle Baker, one is our treasurer, Sister Mary P. Spalding, and the one over here is the president of a new tent which has been organized just 30 days today, Mrs. Effie Day, of Dover, N. H. We just wanted to present this token of our love from the New Hampshire girls. I hope you have a happy time and a wonderful convention.

Commander in Chief GAY. We wish you the same. We wish you the best convention ever, and the more we have the better they may be and the happier may they be.

Mrs. CLOUGH. I hope you can come to my department convention next April.

Commander in Chief GAY. We will have to leave that with the Lord.

Mrs. BAKER. I am not a speech maker, but I don't wish to go back to Nashua, N. H., and not be able to say that I have been here to Commander Gay's convention. I just want to add that my father was the leader of the band of the First Brigade, Second Division, Second Army Corps. They were located right near Appomattox, where Grant had gone before his consultation with General Lee. The word came that Lee had surrendered, and my father claimed that his was the band to play after the surrender because they were right there.

Mrs. SPAULDING. Commander in chief and comrades of the national convention assembled, I know your time is just as valuable as ours. We don't want to take it up. I just want to tell you comrades that last April at our department convention the allied orders dedicated a sun dial on the statehouse grounds in Concord as a living memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. We want it known that even though we were never big enough to entertain a national convention we have a memorial in the State of New Hampshire for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you.

Mrs. DAY. Commander Gay, members of the convention, I am very glad to be with you. They call me the baby of the family because my tent has only been formed 4 weeks. I know the tent will be very glad that I was accorded the honor to come to your meeting and see all the comrades. I thank you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Comrade Nixon, will you respond?

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I always like to see the Daughters. I have met with the Daughters a great many times and I hope that I can get to meet with the Daughters again. We are always glad to have you come here, glad to see you. [The committee retired.]

Commander in Chief GAY. The committee on reports of other officers will be Comrades J. S. Dumser, T. J. Noll, and Thomas H. Stritch.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in chief, we have received nominations from only three departments for the council of administration and the resolutions committee, and I would like to read those we have and call those missing.

(The roll of departments was then called by the secretary and the following nominations were made:)

Department	Council of administration	Committee on resolutions
California and Nevada	Oliver H. Castle	
Colorado and Wyoming	Lewis H. Easterly	Robert F. Bryan.
Connecticut	Truman N. Parsons	Charles Douglas.
Idaho	Albert G. Jones	Albert G. Jones.
Illinois	Milton Myers	
Indiana	Oscar N. Wilmington	Issac W. Sharp.
Iowa	John M. Gudgel	Thomas J. Noll.
Kentucky	R. R. Graham	
Kansas	W. W. Nixon	T. B. Williams.
Maine	George H. Jones	George H. Jones.
Massachusetts	George A. Gay	George A. Gay.
Michigan	Martin J. Warner	
Minnesota		Charles H. Perry.
Missouri	William H. Osborn	August Moreau.
Nebraska	R. E. Coleman	R. E. Coleman.
New York	Thomas H. Stritch	Robert M. Rownd.
New Hampshire	Lyman E. Butterfield	Lyman E. Butterfield.
Oregon	T. A. Penland	T. A. Penland.
Pennsylvania	J. L. Chapman	A. T. Anderson.
Utah	Ira Stormes	Ira Stormes.

Secretary FLOOD. I would suggest that the committee on resolutions meet in headquarters tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock and consider any resolutions that come up.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. The committee on resolutions will meet in parlor B at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, we have some communications in regard to the next national encampment. There is nothing that promises anything.

Commander in Chief GAY. What can we do?

Secretary FLOOD. We can read these and authorize someone to take action.

Commander in Chief GAY. This will be about the same as we have had in the last 2 years.

Secretary FLOOD. It is what we are liable to have while the war lasts.

We have a letter from the Governor of Utah addressed to Mrs. Margaret Fisher, Salt Lake City. [Reading:]

DEAR MRS. FISHER: It has been called to my attention that you are planning on attending the National Grand Army encampment to be held September 13 to 18, at Indianapolis, Ind.

I shall appreciate it if you will convey the best wishes and regards of the people of Utah to the veterans of the Civil War and others in attendance.

It would be a distinct honor to have the members of this organization hold their 1943 encampment in Utah and I shall appreciate it if you will extend an invitation to them.

Permit me to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the book written by you, *Utah and the Civil War*, which you so graciously presented to me. I shall be anxiously looking forward to an early opportunity to read it.

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT B. MAW, *Governor*.

The invitation is to Utah and not to Salt Lake City, and it doesn't promise a thing. The lady said Salt Lake City would do what any other city did, but she is not a member of the city government or of the State government, so I don't see where she has any right to promise us any money. There is nothing promised here except they would be glad to have us come.

This is an invitation from Tulsa, Okla. They promise to help us to arrange special stunts or unique methods in sending out invitations. They will send out our badges and programs for us after we get there. They will help us find halls to meet in. But there is not one word about any money to pay any bills.

And then we also have a letter from Mr. Cross, of Columbus, Ohio, who was the secretary of the committee there last year. He says:

In conference with our friends here who assumed the leadership of the 1941 national encampment, they express the opinion that we can duplicate the program that we arranged for you on that occasion. Our war production activities have not interfered with our hotel accommodations in any way and we are sure that if your location for 1943 is left to your official board we can submit a satisfactory proposition to you. I hope to be at your encampment at Indianapolis, but I am not quite sure, due to an attack of the summer flu which has incapacitated me for the past several days. If you have any suggestions or advice, kindly drop me a line and I will greatly appreciate the courtesy.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH E. CROSS,

Manager, Columbus Convention and Tourists Bureau, Inc.

Mr. Cross says that if the matter is left to the executive committee, as it was last year when they chose Columbus, he is sure that he will have a proposition to submit to them, but at the present time he does not.

Commander in Chief GAY. In regard to this affair here of this place where we shall go, I guess it will be a matter of calling back the executive committee, and we will leave it in the hands of the executive committee and they will see about that. It will be an executive committee affair. They will have to meet somewhere, and that committee will be called later on. My successor and Miss Flood will have to do that.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I move that the communications that have already been received and those that may come in after be referred to the executive committee with power to act.

Commander in Chief GAY. Do you hear the motion? (Motion seconded.) The motion is made and seconded that this matter be referred to those who are appointed, to carry on and finish the work.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. The mover of the motion stated that this matter be referred to the executive committee with power to act.

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of that motion please say "Aye." Contrary minded? It is a vote.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, this noon before the comrades had assembled two ladies came looking for you and you were not to be found in your room or around the balcony, and the State president of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary of Indiana, Mrs. Van Osdel, left this gift for you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. Mrs. Ella Almond, State president of the Federated Patriotic Societies of Indiana, left this.

Commander in Chief GAY. I wish that they might be here.

Secretary FLOOD. I wanted them to stay and they said they could not, and they tried to find you in your parlor and you were not there.

Commander in Chief GAY. If there is no other business to be transacted this afternoon we will close for the day, and we will meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Now all in favor of that will say "Aye." I declare this meeting closed until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock—9:30 tomorrow morning. All in favor say "Aye." Contrary minded? (4:10 p. m.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1942

Morning session, 9:55 a. m.

Commander in Chief GAY. Comrades, this is the seventy-sixth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I now declare this meeting open for such business as may legally come before it.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. There is a committee in waiting from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander in Chief GAY. Chaplain, will you please lead us in prayer?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Comrades, let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, with reverence and gratitude and with deep appreciation we come into Thy presence this morning thanking Thee for the blessings that Thou hast extended to this Nation. We pray that Thou wilt be with us during our sessions. Give us wisdom that we may be taken care of in obedience to Thy will. Bless us in our deliberations. Be with us and with our families and with our homes. Bless each member that is present and all their interests. We ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Commander in Chief GAY. Now, Officer of the Day, will you please escort that delegation to the platform.

(The committee was presented by the officer of the day.)

Mrs. BLANCHE L. BEVERSTOCK, past national president Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am the chairman of the greetings committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. Commander in Chief Gay and comrades, I believe this morning that one of the greatest honors has come to me in being allowed to come and extend to you our greetings. We want you to know that we are standing behind your Sons and doing everything possible to perpetuate the name and to commemorate the deeds of you veterans, and we just hope you are going to have a splendid convention. I think it is just fine that you have so many here. We are having a real warm reception here in Indianapolis, but it is nice that you have such good weather, and we just hope you have a splendid convention.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you.

Mrs. FREEMAN. I am Mary Freeman, of Massachusetts, department president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It certainly is a great thrill to me to be able to come here to this convention of the Grand Army of the Republic and to appear here on behalf of our national organization. We are very happy to bring our greetings to you. I hope that you have a very happy convention and trust that you will all be with us again in the near future.

Mrs. CULLEY. I am Mae Culley, of Missouri. I am happy to be with you comrades here this morning, and I wish for each and every one a most successful and harmonious convention.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you. Comrade Nixon, will you respond to these ladies?

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. We of the Grand Army are always happy to greet the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. I have met with them a great many times. I have got a good many friends among them too, I know. We are always glad to meet you. Of course I don't want to take very long, but we are glad to have you here this morning and hope you will be able to come to another encampment.

Commander in Chief GAY. Officer of the Day, will you escort these ladies to the outpost. [The committee retired.]

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander, the Massachusetts Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans. Mrs. Anne Murray, acting department president is in charge. [Presenting a committee of about 25.] This is the Massachusetts delegation. I have the honor of presenting your wife, and Mrs. Murray, the head of the delegation.

Mrs. GAY. I am the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Nashua, N. H. I am also the senior vice department president of the New Hampshire Ladies of the Grand Army. And, Commander in Chief, this is an honor and a privilege to come in with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Massachusetts and introduce these ladies to you this morning.

Mrs. MURRAY. I am happy to be here. My department president, Sister Ella May Green—I think you are very well acquainted—was unable to come. I had to take her place, much to the sorrow of our delegation here. Of course it is a sorrow to have me. I am so happy to be here, also to have your secretary, Sister Katharine Flood, with us on this occasion. We have looked forward to coming here, we have wanted to be here, and now we are here, and we hope you will have many, many happy conventions.

From the Massachusetts delegation just a little bit of a token in appreciation with our love. We want to have you with us tonight at 6 o'clock at our Massachusetts banquet. We will see that you get there, you and Mrs. Gay.

Commander in Chief GAY. I want to say that I am very sorry that I disappointed you this morning, simply because there was a misunderstanding. Now, I am not one of those that want to put anything I am to blame for onto somebody else. I want this matter publicly cleared right here. I told the secretary it was very important that I should go, but my wife got a misconception of what it was about, and you cannot blame her. You know there are a lot of things that, especially if you are a little nervous, will make you crazy. Well, come to find out and get the right of it, it was tonight instead of this morn-

ing. But after all I wasn't so very much behind. But I want to make this situation perfectly plain to you, my comrades. That is all.

Mrs. MURRAY. Commander in Chief, at the campfire last night every sister was so thrilled. We thought it was the grandest campfire. They hoped to see you all up here and came last night.

Mrs. Gay, just a little remembrance from us.

Mrs. GAY. Thank you, Madam President. This is one organization you know I cannot join, but I am always ready and willing to help if I can. I was very pleased this morning when I had the opportunity to introduce your Daughters to the commander in chief, and I want to thank you for this little gift. As I look at it I shall always remember you.

Commander in Chief GAY. I want these comrades to have an opportunity to respond. You haven't got room here to work. I would not ask them to respond until they have told us what they wish to tell us. Now we might as well take this lady right here. This is Mrs. Ida McNiff, tent 28, Lawrence.

Mrs. ANNA E. ROBINSON, past department president. Commander in Chief, may we all face your comrades and take a bow, that they may all look at us, and not take up your time in speaking.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I am glad to respond to these greetings of an outstanding national organization that represents the spirit of those that are not with them, appreciative ladies that have done very much to advocate and assist this organization in its splendid work. I know something about the value of this organization, and they are deeply interested in our welfare. They are giving us God-speed and they will do everything they can that is essential for the permanent growth of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless each one of you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you, Commander. Now, ladies, don't you want to say just a few words?

Miss KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD. Commander in Chief Gay, you happen to be the assistant adjutant general of the Department of Massachusetts, and the department secretary of Massachusetts is here and she might have something to say.

Commander in Chief GAY. I could not see her. I didn't know that.

Mrs. HELEN A. PHINNEY. Commander in Chief, comrades, and my Sisters of the Massachusetts Department, this, Commander in Chief, is a privilege to me to meet with my Sisters and contribute the greetings of our department. I just want to say to you that when your work is finished here, you just come back to Massachusetts and we will welcome you at room 27.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you. Now the next lady.

Miss FLOOD. We are going to take a bow and make no speeches. There are other committees. They are going to sing to you.

(The delegation sang All Hail, Massachusetts and then retired.)

The OFFICER OF THE DAY (presenting a committee from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War). I have the pleasure of introducing John E. Sautter, chairman of the greetings committee from the Sons of Veterans, also my order.

JOHN E. SAUTTER, past commander in chief. Comrades of my father of the great conflict of the sixties, I come to you as the senior

past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. May I add just a word, senior only in point of service and not senior in years to the other members of my committee.

I said just a moment ago to your commander in chief that this is not a new thing for me to do. I have been coming to department encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, or to national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, for more than 50 years. In that period of time I have listened to scores of addresses and have been privileged to attempt to make quite a number myself, especially in the year that I served as commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans when a dear comrade of yours, Washington Gardner, of Michigan, was your commander in chief.

I said for 50 years, and don't you know, comrades, that last night I heard the most beautiful eulogy—shall I use that word?—or the most beautiful address, call it what you will—address to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic at your campfire. I think possibly it was this young fellow sitting over here with the sunflower on his coat who paid the most beautiful tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic that I have ever heard from any man in this great Nation of ours.

I want to be brief and simply say that we come to you, the official delegation, from the organization that is composed of your sons, an organization 61 years old itself, an organization that has always stood foursquare for the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. And it could not be otherwise because, after all, you are the comrades of our fathers. And yet you are more than that, comrades. And I thank God that I have been privileged to live at the beginning of the third conflict now that has demonstrated that you are more than that. Because you are the saviors of this great Nation of ours in the dark days of the sixties, and what you did then, coupled with the life that you have lived as citizens of this great Republic of ours in the past three-quarters of a century, have made this Nation what it is today and what it will be in the future. Because I am sure that we will win this present war just the same as through the help of God you men won the Civil War. [Applause.]

And when we do that let it be with the thought, let it be with the prayer that this shall indeed be a war to end wars: that this great Nation of ours shall never again be plunged into a conflict of this kind; and that those words uttered by your Commander in Chief, the immortal Lincoln, shall indeed become true, as we believe they have been for three-quarters of a century, "that this Nation shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth."

God bless you, comrades. God bless you and permit you, even though it be in decreasing numbers, to be with us on this side for many years to come.

Mr. YENGLING. I am Park F. Yengling, past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, and I live in Cleveland, Ohio. I am mighty well satisfied this morning to see so many of you here. And you look as if you are being well taken care of, because I do not see anybody asleep in their chairs, or anything of that kind.

We hope that these conventions will take place just as often and just as long as you want them to, and each time you meet you will want to come back again.

Personally—our brother Sautter has given you the greetings of our whole organization—my personal greetings are: May you live long and may you enjoy all of the good things that you have coming to you. Good-bye and God bless you.

Dr. RALPH R. BARRETT. Commander in Chief; my Commander Anderson, I am Dr. Barrett, of California. May I bring you just a short message? Much to our surprise when we got ready to board that special car—which they said could not be done in these days—but a special car had been arranged for, and much of the influence I am sure came from your past commander in chief, Col. Russell C. Martin, of Los Angeles. Anyway we got onto that train—was ready to take it, and then we were informed that Colonel Martin would be unable to come with us.

I, being a physician myself for many years, have been in close touch with Civil War veterans most of my life, and being with them in many hours of distress and joy and happiness, I want to say to you that we felt the influence and were sort of depressed to think that Colonel Martin could not come with us on that train. But we did enjoy the trip.

And as we have gone along through life—may I say in my profession I was called by your past commander in chief, Dr. Mennet, just a few hours before he passed away, to sit beside his bed and talk to him about the things of life and the future as he realized it, as he lay there at that time.

And so in California we have these men of ours that we appreciate. I am a native of Ohio, spent the most of my life there, and right down here is my department commander, Commander Castle, who was an Ohio man and now our department commander in California. Over here from Long Beach is another one of our good friends. And it is a happy occasion. I always felt it the joy of my life, an inspiration, to think that I, as a physician, during these years have been so closely connected with the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Grand Army of the Republic: That is a great name. That is a great influence. That is a thought, an inspiration, that will live absolutely through the years from day to day, and your influence is felt and will be felt tomorrow, and on and on through the ages.

I believe the Sons of Union Veterans have pledged ourselves to do all that we can to help and to sustain that memory, and we are going to do it, comrades.

Now I wish I could say more—I would like to—of what is in my heart. You know I was with your past commander in chief, your commander in chief who died in office—Commander Andrew, you remember that, how he was taken, just a little while before the encampment. And then our good friend Anderson came on, and it was my pleasure to associate with him for a few weeks. And, oh, what an association we have had which has come to us and inspired us from the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless you.

And if there is any message we can take to Colonel Martin and those who are on the coast, I would be only too glad to do it.

In closing may I tell you of a good comrade out in California. This may be some consolation to some of us as we are getting older in life. He had his one-hundredth birthday last year. About 2 months after he called me to check up his condition. When I went

in I said, "Comrade, what seems to be the trouble?" "Well," he says, "Barrett, I was just thinking the other day. You know they always say the first hundred is going to be the hardest. By golly, I have decided that my second one is going to be the tough one for me." I said, "Don't worry about that. Keep right on going." So he said, "O. K. We will do the best we can, Barrett."

Thank you, Commander in Chief and members of the Grand Army.

Rev. J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG. Past Commander in Chief, Commander in Chief Gay, my dear daddy over here, Past Commander in Chief Nixon, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am J. Kirkwood Craig, the immediate past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. In other words, I am the baby of this delegation. I suppose if Winston Churchill heard me say that he would say, perhaps, "Some baby!" The way he said of the chicken in the pot, "Some chicken!"

Anyway, we Sons of the Union Veterans are very happy to come and bring to you not only our personal greetings but also our greetings from our organization. That has been said again and again. We have again and again given you the assurance that we are standing ready to do anything and everything that we possibly can. And while there are a lot of things that I learned in high school that I have forgotten, the same thing might also be said of every educational institution that it has been my privilege to be a student in. Yet at the same time there is one thing that I have not forgotten from one of my old high-school professors, and that is this: Never under any circumstances betray a trust or break a promise. I am sure I speak the sentiments of all the Sons of Veterans, and while we have promised our help and cooperation and support again and again, that is one promise that the Sons have made repeatedly which I am sure that we will never fail to keep.

We are at your service first, last, and all the time, and, as has been said, may God bless us every one in our work of love together for our country, and for the flag, and for a better world order. Thank you.

Commander in Chief GAY. If you gentlemen will just get together right here for a moment. Comrade Dumser, will you please respond?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER. Comrade Commander, at your request I am glad to respond to these Sons of ours that are in our presence this morning representing their national body.

Sons of ours, we are glad you are in our presence this morning. We know that you are our sons. We wish that your members might be increase tenfold and that your organization, great as it is, influential as it is, might have its influence multiplied.

In these dark days all the patriotic hearts of men and women are striving to further those aims that make for the national good. We thank you for your contributions, for the expressions of love and good will, and we pray that you may continue through the years of the present century, the present crisis, and through all the years of other centuries, time without end, because your organization is one that has a perpetual existence based upon a record that begins with those who served to save the Union and free the slaves and remove the black stain from our flag. This is a proud heritage and trust. Carry on! Carry on!

May the Sons, with the Auxiliary, prosper, and all other organizations, and accomplish the great ends we all seek for, and do so by coordinating inspiration and courage and faith, under the direction of the guiding hand of Almighty God. We bid you Godspeed. Good morning.

Mr. SAUTTER: Thank you very kindly.

Commander in Chief GAY. Officer of the Day, will you please escort these gentlemen to the outpost. [The committee retired.]

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. A committee from the Daughters of Veterans. Miss Hoover, past national president.

Commander in Chief GAY. Please escort them to the station here, will you?

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, I have the pleasure and the honor to present Miss Clara Hoover, past national president of the Daughters of Veterans, with her committee of greetings.

Miss CLARA F. HOOVER. Commander in Chief, officers, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we have come here this morning, all three of us past national presidents of the Daughters of Union Veterans, to bring you a message from that organization. We come to bring you greetings for the day, good wishes for the future, and love for all time.

In your homes you know the daughters have always helped to bear the burdens of the fathers and the mothers. They started as children in that way and they continued as long as the home was in existence. So the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War bear that same relation to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Grand Army, Grand Army, your tread is holy still,
Behind the dimness of your eyes there lies a righteous will.
Your silver hair is honor, your feeble hand is might,
And freedom, like a radiance, illumines your path with light.

Grand Army, Grand Army, a people's soul are you!
The old defiant conscience that held a nation true.
The tribute of your valor has made us bold in war—
But peace shall be your guerdon forever, evermore.

God bless and keep you, and help us to meet you all again next year.

Commander in Chief, for our national president, Mrs. Chaplin, I want to present you this gift.

Commander in Chief GAY. I thank you very much.

Mrs. MAYBELLE C. PLYMIRE. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am from California and I want to extend greetings from California and also the greetings from our national convention. Thank you.

Miss AGNES I. MCCOY. Commander Gay, past commanders in chief, and our comrades, I am Agnes I. McCoy, past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Sister Plymire is from the West, I am from the East, and Sister Hoover is from the middle. So we as Daughters of Veterans bring you the loving greetings of our whole united department Daughters of Veterans. We wish you Godspeed. We know you are busy. We will take no more of your time. As we leave you this morning please know you have the love of every daughter of a veteran.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER. You delegation of visiting Daughters from your national body, we greet you with great pleasure. Our emotions are deep and warm, because you are flesh of our flesh and blood of our blood. When we are gone you are going to carry on through all the ages. We thank you with full hearts this morning for the sacrifices that you have made for your daddies. The loving expressions in tangible form that you are making to those of our comrades who survive at the present time bring happy days, peaceful days, days full of happy recollections, and happy experiences in the present. God bless you.

You have been splendid in your service. More and more the Grand Army thank you. Catch more and more the spirit of service, if it is possible. It seems impossible after what we have witnessed and what you have done for us. May God speed you along in continued success in all those things in respect of Christian citizenship, for good citizenship and for patriotic inspiration of women whose hearts are warm toward their Nation and to its history, its traditions and your fathers. God bless you in this hour. [Applause.]

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, there are no other committees at the present time. Nobody in waiting at all.

Commander in Chief GAY. Nobody in waiting. Very well. I think we can go right on with our business.

Now if I am correct, I think the first thing in order would be the report of the committee on your commander's report. Is this committee ready to report?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. This committee is ready to report, Commander. I will ask the stenographer to read that report. (Whereupon the shorthand reporter read the report, as follows:)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The committee on the address of the commander in chief has read it carefully and thoughtfully, and concurs in his expressions of appreciation for all favors shown him and for the hospitality shown by the National Woman's Relief Corps in furnishing a national headquarters office this past year.

We heartily agree with his recommendation that the national headquarters and the secretary should be located in the city or town in which the commander in chief resides. We believe it to be for the best interests of the order, that this be done.

We commend Commander in Chief Gay for his year of activity and his work for our organization, and for our auxiliary and allied organizations.

We recommend that the thanks of this encampment be extended to him, and that his report be accepted and incorporated in the Encampment Journal.

ROBERT M. ROWND.
A. T. ANDERSON.
WM. W. NIXON.

Commander in Chief GAY. Comrades, you have heard the report of that committee. What do you choose to do with it?

Comrade OSCAR N. WILMINGTON, of Indiana. I move it be accepted.

Commander in Chief GAY. There is a motion that it be accepted. The motion has been made and seconded that the report of the committee be accepted. All in favor of that will please raise their hands. Contrary minded? It is a vote. I so declare it.

The next, if I am right, is the report of the committee on reports of other officers. Are you ready to hear that report as the next order of business?

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. I move that we proceed to the next order of business.

The shorthand reporter then read the report called for, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS

Your committee on the reports of all officers except that of commander in chief has read the reports carefully and note with satisfaction the activity of the various officers. We commend them for their loyalty and their work and recommend that the reports be adopted as printed.

A. T. ANDERSON.
J. S. DUMSER.
T. J. NOLL.

Commander in Chief GAY. You have heard the report, comrades, of the committee. What do you wish to do with the report?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I move that the report be accepted and placed on file. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of the motion will please say "Aye." Contrary minded? I guess it is a vote.

Secretary FLOOD. I have some communications (reading):

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 20, 1942.

GEORGE A. GAY, Esq.,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, Nashua, N. H.

MY DEAR COMMANDER GAY: It is a pleasure to extend to you my cordial regards and best wishes on the occasion of the Seventy-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Included in these greetings are, of course, the devoted women of your National Woman's Relief Corps and other auxiliaries.

Eighty years ago, as boys of 17, you were engaged in a great Civil War. The tide of early battles was against you. In the words of your great war President, Abraham Lincoln, you were testing whether this Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, could long endure.

There were doubters then as now, but thanks to the sure faith of Lincoln, and the tenacious purpose of you and your comrades, this Nation, so conceived and so dedicated, has endured. The scars of that bloody strife are now healed, and the Nation is united in singleness of purpose, as never before, to spread freedom throughout the world.

Oppressed peoples everywhere are looking to us today for liberation from the aggressor nations, so that their freedoms may be restored. We will not fail them, although the road may be hard and long. Like you, we will win through to victory.

There are now surviving less than a thousand of your once great membership. I am happy to feel that a grateful Government honors you and protects you, as your years approach the century mark. May you have a most successful encampment, with many others to follow.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

THE AMERICAN LEGION,
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
Indianapolis, Ind., September 11, 1942.

GEORGE A. GAY,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Care Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.*

DEAR COMMANDER GAY: One of the signal honors that comes to me as National Commander of the American Legion is the privilege of sending the greetings of the soldiers of the First World War to you, and to all other members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Each year that passes serves only to increase the regard that our organization has for you and those who served with you in preserving the Union. Our Nation, then as now, was engaged in a desperate struggle to protect the privileges of liberty-loving freemen.

As you gather for your seventy-sixth encampment, all our best wishes go to you. And with these best wishes go my regrets that official duties will not permit my acceptance of your invitation to be with you on this occasion. Please accept the salute of the national organization of the American Legion as you enter upon your deliberations in this encampment.

Sincerely yours,

LYNN U. STAMBAUGH,
National Commander.

BURLINGTON, VT., *September 16, 1942.*

GEO. A. GAY,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, Indianapolis:

Love and greetings from your Daughters in Burlington, Vt.

MELISSA J. EASTMAN,
Tent No. 7.

GREAT FALLS, MONT.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CONVENTION,

Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis:

Greetings from Woman's Relief Corps, Great Falls, Mont.

ETHYL DIAMOND, *President.*

DUBUQUE, IOWA,
September 14, 1942.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,
Indianapolis, Ind.:*

Please extend to our national officers, all of my comrades and allied organizations heartiest wishes and prayers for the best.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

F. L. QUADE AND WIFE.

Commander in Chief GAY. Comrades, you have heard these telegrams. Now would you accept them as read? I will ask my secretary to reply to these different persons from whom I have received these telegrams and letters.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I move that the communications that have been received and read by the secretary be acknowledged, and express our deep appreciation for them, and the secretary be authorized to respond. (Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of that motion will please say "Aye." Contrary minded? It is a vote. What is next?

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, there are two greetings committees out there waiting to come in. In the meantime a member of the Daughters of Veterans of Washington, D. C., gave me these cigars to pass out to the comrades, so I am beginning with you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you so much. I wish I had been here to respond.

Secretary FLOOD. It is the same young lady that gave you the box yesterday.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. There is a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps with greetings.

Commander in Chief GAY. Will you please escort them to the platform?

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, I have the honor and pleasure to introduce Mrs. May L. Luchsinger, the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, with her committee of greetings.

Commander in Chief GAY. Will you please place them in line, as we haven't enough space on the platform here.

Mrs. LUCHSINGER (reading) :

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

To GEORGE A. GAY,

Commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: To you and your staff, to the past commanders in chief, and to our comrades of the Seventy-sixth Encampment, I bring the greeting of the National Women's Relief Corps.

Many, many years ago you gave to us a very high honor, that of acting as your auxiliary. Whether or not your choice was a wise one will always remain for you to decide.

We, I am sure, have always held ourselves ready to answer any call from you, just as we have endeavored to carry out your every wish, even the unexpressed ones if we were wise enough to anticipate them.

Today we come to you to again pledge all of our loyalty, love, and cooperation. The year just passed has been a very unusual one, with a war threatening from the beginning, but, even overshadowed as it has been, we hope that we have always remembered our allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have much appreciated having your national headquarters with us in the place prepared by us for that purpose and dedicated to you and to the ideals for which you fought and for which your organization stands. We sincerely hope that it has been an equally pleasant year for you. My own association with your national secretary has been a very happy one and I only hope that I have made just a little place for myself among her friends.

It now gives me pleasure to present to you the rest of the personnel of this committee, your friends and my friends. I am sure that none of them need an introduction.

I do not wish to take more of your time as I know that you are busy, but before I give these ladies the floor I wish to present to you a report of the work done by and the present standing of your auxiliary, the National Woman's Relief Corps.

Number of departments-----	35
Number of provisional departments-----	2
Number of corps in departments-----	1, 639
Number of detached corps-----	17
Number of corps in organization June 30, 1942-----	1, 656
Number of members in departments-----	77, 728
Number of members in detached corps-----	429
Number of members in organization June 30, 1942-----	78, 157
Amount of money expended for relief-----	\$18, 150. 27
Estimated value of relief other than money-----	\$238, 178. 12
Total value of relief-----	\$256, 328. 39
Total number of persons assisted-----	61, 325
Amount expended for patriotic work-----	\$2, 670. 65
Number of flags presented to schools, Sunday schools, Scout troops, and naturalizing classes-----	76, 902
Amount for memorial fund-----	\$400. 00
Amount to local Grand Army Posts-----	\$583. 22
Amount to World War veterans-----	\$2, 244. 92
Amount to Spanish War veterans-----	\$293. 11
Amount to soldiers' homes-----	\$1, 427. 03
Amount to soldiers' widows' homes-----	\$1, 358. 43
Amount to soldiers' orphans' homes-----	\$290. 96
Amount for educational purposes-----	\$1, 066. 25
Amount for child welfare-----	\$2, 137. 05

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

MAY L. LUCHSINGER,

President, The National Woman's Relief Corps.

And now, Commander in Chief, I have just a little personal remembrance for you.

I am now going to present our newly elected president, Mrs. Louise Haider, of California. If she has something to say she can come up here and mention it.

Mrs. HAIDER. Thank you, Madam President. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is one of the greatest honors that can come to any woman in the United States to be the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. But with honor comes responsibility, and that responsibility I want to assume. It will be a year just a little different from other years. We are visualizing that. We are ready to meet the problems that will arise. But those of you know me, Commander Dumser here, who knows the things I have worked and stood for—I am not going to go into any flowery talk, but I want to pledge to you that I will do all in my power that the Woman's Relief Corps preserve the monuments and the relics of the Grand Army of the Republic, that they will not be used for scrap until all the other scrap of the country is used. There are many other things that can be destroyed first. We will do all in our power to preserve our monuments. We are not going to take the promise of someone that they can be replaced after the war. If the war goes on so that it will be necessary to remove those monuments, we, perhaps, will no longer be the United States that we were; and if we are going to fight to the finish, we are going to preserve those monuments.

I want to say to you that anything that I can do to help preserve your principles and to promote any ideals of work that you have, I pledge my whole-hearted support, with all our members.

We have had some fine reports of the Woman's Relief Corps. I am just a little trembly as I think of the accomplishments, even as our president read her report to you, whether I will be able to stand before you with a report of that kind. But I assure you that I will do my very best. I thank you very much.

My own father was not privileged to belong to the organization. He was only born in 1863. But we did have eight relatives in the Civil War. I remember the year you met in St. Paul, in 1896, and that parade. I was a little bit of a youngster, but I had a part in it. My father, for the first time in his life, spent money enough to take box seats. Thank you very much.

Mrs. LUCHSINGER. Miss Beatrice Tyson.

Miss TYSON. Madam President, Commander in Chief, and Grand Army of the Republic: We past national presidents consider it the greatest treat of the year to come in and visit the Grand Army of the Republic. We love you, we respect you, and as long as we live we will work for you.

Mrs. LIZETTA COADY, of Michigan. Commander in Chief, my National President: I am from Michigan. I am a past national president, one of the greatest honors that has ever come to me in all my life. I am from Michigan, and we are working there doing everything possible for the comfort of the few remaining comrades, and doing everything possible for them. I thank you, Commander in Chief, for the privilege of just saying a few words. Like Beatrice Tyson, I feel that it is one of the greatest honors that we are privileged to have, to come before you each year.

Mrs. LUCHSINGER. These are all past national presidents. Next in line is Mrs. Catherine McBride Hoster, of Indianapolis.

Mrs. HOSER. Commander in Chief, comrades, past commanders in chief and all of you: I am from Indiana, a daughter of one of your comrades that you all know, I am sure. He was your judge advocate general for some time, Robert W. McBride. I feel that I have known you all for a long, long time. One of the greatest privileges I have is to come into your encampments each year, look into your faces, see the smiles, and know that you are glad that you are here. We greet you in Indianapolis and are happy to see so many of you here. And we hope to meet you many, many times in the future. I thank you.

Mrs. EMMA W. CAMPBELL. This is Emma W. Campbell, of Minnesota, a past national president of the National Woman's Corps. Comrades, I don't know—I think most of you were here in your encampment last year when I appeared before you and pleaded to you in regard to the headquarters at Springfield. I thought perhaps a few words in a verbal report about the headquarters would be of interest to you.

May I say that directly after our national convention, in company with our national president, Mrs. Luchsinger, and after a message had been sent to Miss Flood, we all three met in Springfield and at the headquarters. We told Miss Flood that she might choose any spot that she wished in the building. Her choice was the two front rooms on the second floor.

After that choice had been made we proceeded to the firm of Jefferson's in Springfield, stationers and office furniture. She selected her own furniture, what she wished in her office, and in addition to that we have since purchased a book case and a couch in case she cared to lie down during the day. She selected a file, a work table, a desk, an office chair, and a lamp for the desk. And we tried in every way to make her comfortable.

She tells me that she is contented and comfortable, and I think if there is anything she wished, all she had to do was to say so.

May I express to you, comrades, how happy you have made our organization by coming to live in our headquarters. They are at your disposal, and we hope that you will continue to stay with us. In this building is located the Woman's Relief Corps headquarters also, and I think it has been a very happy family during this past year. I was proud to know that your commander in chief had paid a visit to the home and no doubt he has made his report to you, or will make it.

I want to express to you my thanks and my appreciation for your kind attention and your courtesy. Thank you very much, comrades.

Mrs. LOVE. This is Mary J. Love, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Louisville, Ky. You all remember Comrade Davidson, who was on the commander in chief's official staff so many years. We miss him in Kentucky, and I am sure you miss him here. But as secretary to the Grand Army of Kentucky I have tried to do everything possible to take his place with the comrades. The membership in the last 2 years has increased from two members to seven. So I feel that you still have quite a number in Kentucky.

It is a privilege for me always to come to the Grand Army of the Republic, particularly here in the State of Indiana, because my father enlisted in the Third Indiana Cavalry and belonged to Abraham Lincoln Post in Massachusetts. And I might say he had 42 skirmishes and 38 major battles that he fought in. It is a wonderful record, and

I am proud to be back in the State of Indiana with these comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I hope and wish for your new commander in chief a happy year and good health. I hope that you all will be well and be with us at another encampment next year. Thank you.

Miss RAYNOR. Commander in chief, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am Kate G. Raynor, of Ohio, the Buckeye State, and Comrade Ridenour's State. My father was a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he served 4 long years in the Civil War as colonel of the Fifty-sixth Ohio Regiment, and after the war he was breveted a brigadier general.

I would be a very poor daughter to my father if I was ever untrue in any way to you fine men representing the Grand Army of the Republic. Brought up on Grand Army and Civil War history, I stand before you today pledging my loyalty and the loyalty of anyone that I can contact in preserving your memory and the history of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief, I want you to know that while you are in office and represent the Grand Army of the Republic as its commander in chief, that you are more honored as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic than as the commander, because you wore the blue. You brought the flag back to us without one star being taken from it. You have stood by your State, your country, and the men and women of the United States as one person. The Grand Army of the Republic has been united, and it is only by the efforts of good men, true men, loyal men like you. Thank you very much.

Commander in Chief GAY. I thank you. If you ladies will just get down in line I will have somebody respond to you.

Past Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Ladies, we welcome you to our organization. Pleased to have you. It will not be many years you have to visit the Grand Army of the Republic. This is the home of the Grand Army of the Republic where it was started in 1866. It became a wonderful organization. They have done their duty, and for those of our comrades who have passed on we can say, their work was done, and well done. And ladies, we hope that that can be said of you and us when the time comes for us to fall. We thank you for coming to our organization.

Commander in Chief GAY. Officer of the day, wil you kindly escort these ladies to the outpost? [The committee retired.] The officer of the day says there is no one in waiting. What is the next in line?

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, four committees were appointed to prepare memorials. Comrade Sharp, of Indiana, has handed me the report of his committee for memorial to Surgeon General Cowan.

(The memorial will be found at p. 226 of this journal.)

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade A. T. Anderson submits the report of his committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Quartermaster General Hamilton.

(This memorial will be found at p. 223 of this journal.)

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade J. S. Dumser has given me the report of his committee to prepare a memorial to National Patriotic Instructor Green.

(This memorial will be found at p. 224 of this journal.)

Secretary FLOOD. I have the report of the committee appointed on the death of Assistant Adjutant General Heyer.

(This memorial will be found at p. 225 of this journal.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The committee on resolutions was called to order at 8:10 a. m. by Comrade T. J. Noll, presiding as chairman.

The following business was transacted:

It was moved by Comrade Perry, seconded by Comrade Sharp, that a telegram be sent to the President, pledging the support of the Grand Army of the Republic to him and to the Government in this crisis.

It was moved that a resolution be prepared expressing the appreciation of the encampment for the hospitality and attention extended. (Motion by Comrade Perry, seconded by Comrade Sharp.)

ROBERT F. BRYAN.
GEORGE F. JONES.
IRA STORMES.
A. T. ANDERSON.
ISAAC SHARP.
CHARLES H. PERRY.
T. J. NOLL.

(The report is signed by all present.)

(Following are the resolutions of appreciation:)

Whereas the Seventy-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., where the first national encampment was held in 1866: Be it

Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to Hon. Henry F. Schricker, Governor of Indiana; Lt. Gov. Charles E. Dawson; Hon. Reginald H. Sullivan, mayor of Indianapolis; to the members of all veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries; to the members of all civic and fraternal organizations; to the police of the city and State; to the military and naval forces of the Nation and State; to Hon. Louis Ludlow; to the newspapers of the city for the generous space given to all encampment activities; to the physicians and nurses from the United States veterans' facility; to the Boy Scouts; to the management and personnel of the Claypool Hotel for their provision for our comfort and their solicitous care of our comrades; to the citizens who provided us with transportation; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the President of the United States and the Members of Congress for allowing the Marine Band to attend the encampment; to Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, for his attendance at our meeting and his inspiring message; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our deep gratitude to Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader, and all members of the United States Marine Band for the inspiration given us by their music, and especially are we grateful to Hon. Mark R. Gray, chairman, and Joseph J. Cripe, secretary, of the general committee, and all their associates for their splendid entertainment and provision for our comfort.

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of the report you have just heard, will you please raise your right hands? It is a vote. I so declare it.

If I am correct we might just as well go on with this business. Are there any nominations for your incoming commander in chief?

The roll of departments was then called by the secretary, with but one response, as follows:

Comrade OLIVER H. CASTLE, of California and Nevada. Comrades, I represent a committee and the delegation from California to nominate as our choice a wonderful worker as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year, J. S. Dumser, of Oakland, Calif. I present his name with the unanimous approval of the California delegation which I represent. Thank you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Are there any other nominations?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. In view of the fact that there is simply one name presented for your commander in chief for the ensuing year, I therefore move that the rules be suspended and the secretary be authorized to cast one vote for the election of Comrade Dumser for commander in chief of this organization.

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of the motion will say "Aye." Contrary minded? It is a vote.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, in behalf of the adjutant general, who casts the ballot, I present the unanimous ballot of this encampment for John S. Dumser for commander in chief.

Commander in Chief GAY. Comrades, John S. Dumser, of California, has been elected your commander in chief.

The next is Senior vice.

Secretary FLOOD. The senior vice by consent of the encampment goes to the entertaining department if they have a candidate.

Commander in Chief GAY. Is there any other candidate for senior vice commander in chief? I don't think there is. Have you got a nomination? Will you name somebody?

Comrade ISAAC W. SHARP, of Indiana. He says he won't take it. [Indicating Comrade Wilmington.] I offered it to him.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Wilmington, have you a nominee?

Comrade OSCAR N. WILMINGTON, of Indiana. I have no nominee. They proposed to nominate me. We cannot hear. When I objected yesterday to something that our national commander said it was because I could not hear, and I don't think that I ought to have this office.

Secretary FLOOD. You have other comrades.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, in view of the fact that it has been the custom of this organization to select a candidate either for the junior vice or senior vice from the State in which we meet, and that has been the case in all the cities in which we have held encampments, and this comrade could not be heard or did not hear that he had been selected and he declines, I present the name of Comrade Sharp for senior vice commander for the ensuing year, representing the State of Indiana.

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of that motion—I am not going to wait for a second——

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I second it.

Commander in Chief GAY. Please signify it by raising your hands. Let's get this business out of the way and we will go home. It is a vote.

Secretary FLOOD. Now, Commander, I will call the roll for nominations for junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade HIRAM H. SHUMATE, of Illinois. I wish you would withdraw my name.

Secretary FLOOD. You have not been nominated yet, Comrade, I am going to call the roll. Comrade Shumate, who had been mentioned for the office, does not care to run. Are there other nominations for junior vice commander in chief?

Comrade O. S. PIERCE, of Minnesota. Commander and comrades, I wish at this time to nominate Charles H. Perry, of Minnesota, as junior vice commander in chief. [Seconded.]

Commander in Chief GAY. Charles H. Perry of Minnesota has been placed in nomination for junior vice commander. Are there any other nominations?

Comrade MILTON MYERS, of Illinois. I wish to nominate for junior vice commander, Comrade H. H. Shumate. He is now serving as commander of the Illinois Department.

Comrade SHUMATE. I wish to withdraw.

Commander in Chief GAY. That leaves only Comrade Perry. All in favor of the nomination please say "Aye." Thank you very much. It is a vote.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I wish to make a motion that the rules be suspended and that we elect by acclamation.

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of the motion please say "Aye." Contrary minded? Let's see if there are any. It's a vote.

Secretary FLOOD. The next office is surgeon general. Does anybody know a doctor in the order? It has been the rule to have a physician, if you have one. Nominations are open for surgeon general. I think you should try to scatter your offices if you can. California has your commander, Indiana has the senior, and Minnesota has the junior.

Comrade OSCAR N. WILMINGTON, of Indiana. I think if this cannot go to the Grand Army it should go to a son of a veteran.

Secretary FLOOD. It has to be a Grand Army man.

Commander in Chief GAY. Are there any nominations from any of the States for that office? Any of you from any State in the United States got any nomination for the office of surgeon general?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. We have in our organization and in this meeting one of the most loyal, one of the most devoted men connected with it. He was the senior vice commander this past year, and he is here now. I have the honor to present the name of Comrade Ridenour, of Ohio, for the position of surgeon general. [Seconded.]

Commander in Chief GAY. The motion is made and seconded that we elect Comrade Ridenour. All in favor of that motion will please raise your hand. Contrary minded? It is a vote.

Secretary FLOOD. The next nomination is for chaplain in chief.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I place in nomination Robert M. Rownd, of New York, for chaplain. [Seconded.]

Commander in Chief GAY. You hear the motion. All in favor of the motion please raise your right hand. Why, that is unanimous, as you might say. He certainly is the man who is elected.

Secretary FLOOD. The next election is a member of the trustees of the permanent fund. Comrade Nixon is completing the unexpired term of Comrade Fogler, who died this year. There is another 1 year of that term, 1 year of the Fogler term, and Comrade Nixon is filling it this year by appointment. If he is continued he must be elected for 1 year to complete the term.

Commander in Chief GAY. You heard the report of our secretary. Of course, the comrades now holding the positions, we think should have the same positions.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief DUMSER. Comrade commander and comrades, I would place in nomination Comrade Nixon, who is at present serving the unexpired term, to be his successor for the ensuing year. [Seconded.]

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of that motion please raise your hands. Counter minded? It is a vote.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander, Comrade Rownd has been serving 3 years as the treasurer of that fund and his term expires. There will now be an election for the 3-year term.

Past Commander in Chief ANDERSON. Comrades, I nominate Robert M. Rownd as a member of the trustees of the permanent fund for 3 years. [Seconded.]

Commander in Chief GAY. Are there any other nominations?

Now, all in favor of that nomination raise your right hand. Let's get through with this business. Contrary minded? It is a vote. That winds it up.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I have the honor as well as the pleasure in requesting or suggesting the re-election for another year of our secretary, one of the most efficient and best secretaries that I have known. You are all acquainted with her. She has worked her way into the hearts and confidence of every member of our organization, and I sincerely hope she will have the unanimous vote of this organization. [Seconded.]

Comrade WILMINGTON. I make a motion that they all stand up that are in favor of it.

Commander in Chief GAY. Well, my comrade wants you all to stand up. [The comrades rise.] Now it is in regards to your secretary. I want to say why I didn't say anything about that. We have a commander in chief here who controls that thing anyway, and he knows full well that he has been endorsed from that State, and there will be no such thing as losing your secretary who has served you so faithfully for so many years. That is one reason why I didn't ask you to vote upon that. If in our minds there had been such a thing that that thing could not have taken place, I would have taken steps to have done it, but I know she is just as secure as the officers who have been elected here today. Thank you, comrades. Sit down. You look tired.

Secretary FLOOD. I want to say thank you, Commander and comrades. I appreciate that.

The council of administration.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. There is a committee in waiting from the Daughters of the Union. I have the pleasure in presenting Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, a representative of the Daughters of the Union.

Mrs. RUMPLER. Commander in Chief and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are representing the Daughters of the Union. We are daughters of men who fought in the Civil War. I myself have the honor of being the daughter of Daniel R. Lucas, who was chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1900, chaplain of the Iowa Department, chaplain of the Indiana Department, and commander of the Indiana Department in 1904-5. These other women, like myself, have that same type of memory. We were early taught to reverence the little bronze button worn in the lapel of the coat of the men who wore the blue.

I want to present to you these flowers as token of our deep appreciation of what you have given to us. And I want to say, Commander, if you cannot carry them when you are ready to go away will you take them with you. I don't know whether you will be able to do that or not, but we shall be very happy—perhaps you can divide them with the newly elected commander. But we want you to enjoy the fragrance and look at the beauty of them and remember that deep in the

hearts of those of us who are your descendants is the fragrance, the beauty, the glory, and the memory of you and others of the men who were in the Union Army in the Civil War. Thank you very much indeed.

May the success of this meeting be all that you wish, and may the years that lie ahead of you be filled with remembrance and be filled with the service which we can give to you.

Commander in Chief GAY. I thank you very much, and in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic my wish would be that that bouquet be divided amongst our comrades. We love you for the offer of that bouquet, and I would not think I was unselfish if I did not have the disposition to divide that beautiful bouquet amongst the comrades of the Grand Army.

Mrs. RUMPLER. You do that. We will be very happy to have you. Everyone of you will have a part of it.

Mrs. BESSIE HERMANN. I will just sing a little song for you. (Singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart.") I want to say that I am the daughter of a veteran, James D. McDonald, who was in the Eighty-second Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. I am happy to be here this morning and be one to bring flowers to you, and I thank you.

Mrs. A. B. GLICK. I am one of our splendid organization who are honoring the memory of the Civil War fathers. My father was a member of Company B, Seventy-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a company which I think is extinct at this time. We have always carried very fond affection for the veterans of the Civil War. That is what we are organized for. And we wish you many, many years to come, and hope you can meet every year and be as happy as you have been this year.

Comrade HIRAM H. SHUMATE of Illinois. Half of the comrades don't understand why I withdrew. I would like to make a little statement. Comrades, I was nominated for junior vice commander in chief by the Department of Illinois until I learned that Comrade Perry was also nominated from Minnesota. Comrade Perry and I served in the same company, drank from the same canteen; we slept under the same blanket, and the first time we met was 73 years after at Columbus, Ohio. I thought it my duty.

I have lived 55 years in the Grand Army. I love the Grand Army. I am serving now my third term as department commander of Illinois. This was offered to me 42 years ago.

I have four brothers who got ahead of me, leaving from Illinois. (Comrade Shumate then recounted the war record of the four brothers mentioned.)

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. There is not a member of the Grand Army that is not appreciative of courtesies. For the last 3 years Col. Arthur C. Bennett, department secretary of Connecticut, has been making a record of those present at each of the encampments. He has rendered a valuable service. He is a courteous gentleman and performs a duty that each one of us will appreciate. He has placed in our hands a list of those that are present at this encampment. I move that we express our deep appreciation for this valuable service by a rising vote. Be kind enough to rise. Those who favor that motion raise your hands.

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. Are you putting the motion?

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of Comrade Rownd's motion, will you please raise your right hands? Contrary minded? It is a vote, and I so declare it.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. One other thing I wish to say. I have been very active in the session this morning. This is a business organization. It may have appeared to some of you that I have assumed almost that of the chairmanship of the organization. But when people don't respond to my motion somebody ought to at once get up, whether he is overlooking the thing or not.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, you still have the election of the members of the council of administration, and the reporter has the names submitted by the departments.

(The list was then read by the shorthand reporter, as follows:)

Council of Administration

Department	Name	Residence
California and Nevada	Oliver H. Castle	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	Robert F. Bryan	Boulder, Colo.
Connecticut	Truman N. Parsons	Stratford.
Idaho	Albert G. Jones	Boise.
Illinois	Milton Myers	Park Ridge.
Indiana	Oscar N. Wilmington	Indianapolis.
Iowa	John M. Gudgel	Shenandoah.
Kentucky	R. R. Graham	Madisonville.
Kansas	W. W. Nixon	Jewell.
Maine	George H. Jones	Oxford.
Massachusetts	George A. Gay	Boston.
Michigan	Martin J. Warner	Grand Rapids.
Missouri	William H. Osborn	Joplin.
Nebraska	R. E. Coleman	Lincoln.
New Hampshire	Lyman E. Butterfield	Manchester.
New York	Thomas H. Stritch	Brooklyn.
Oregon	T. A. Penland	Portland.
Pennsylvania	J. L. Chapman	Scranton.
Utah	Ira Stormes	Salt Lake City.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I move, Commander in Chief, that the names that have been read and as they were called be elected. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief GAY. All in favor of that motion please say "Aye." It is a vote. They understand what it is all about. Why are we lingering here in the heat?

Secretary FLOOD. Your next order of business is the installation of officers.

Commander in Chief GAY. The next order of business is the installation of officers that have been elected for the ensuing year. I recommend, if I may, that Comrade Nixon install the officers-elect for the ensuing year. All in favor of that motion, or my recommendation, say "Aye." Contrary minded? A vote.

(The following officers were then duly installed by Past Commander in Chief William W. Nixon:)

Commander in chief, John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.
 Senior vice commander in chief, Isaac W. Sharp, Warsaw, Ind.
 Junior vice commander in chief, Charles H. Perry, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Surgeon general, Thomas Ridenour, Crestline, Ohio.
 Chaplain in chief, Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

(The newly installed commander in chief then announced the following appointments:)

Adjutant general, Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster general, Eugene Owen, Lansing, Mich.

Judge advocate general, T. J. Noll, Des Moines, Iowa.

(Comrades Owen and Noll were then installed into their respective offices by Past Commander in Chief Nixon.)

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Comrades, before we part I want to say a word to you. I appreciate what you boys did for me last year, and I have tried all along the way to be faithful to you. I do not wish to have any comrade who is sitting here at this moment to think otherwise of me than as your sincere friend. I know something of the trials you have had many years ago, and all along the line I have been faithful to my comrades. And as long as memory is within me I shall always be your friend. God bless you.

Time is on the wing. We may never meet in this capacity as an order again. We don't know who will be called on the other shore. But I want to say this, that I love you all, and may God spare you.

You have a new commander in chief. I know that he will please you. Do everything that you can to help him along, because united we stand, divided we fall.

Secretary FLOOD. The commander in chief wants to announce that the members of the national council of administration will meet in this room at 2:30. Now the comrades whose names were read there please try to be here at 2:30 because we have to have 10 people to transact business. That is the meeting at which your budget is made up for next year, and if you don't have 10 people at that meeting we don't have money appropriated to carry on the order and I won't be drawing any salary. So please come to the meeting at 2:30 in this room.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Comrade Nixon, past commander in chief, I want to extend to you our thanks for the able manner in which you have performed your duty as installing officer, I thank you in behalf of all our comrades.

Comrade Commander Gay and staff, and you my comrades of the seventy-sixth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in national capacity assembled, we have transacted our business this morning expeditiously, and the speaker feels a deep obligation not only as a comrade but as one who has been for many, many years actively engaged in every useful capacity within the gift of his comrades save that of commander in chief. I thank you for this expression of your confidence. You have not misplaced it.

It is a pleasure to testify that the speaker has had experience and that his devotion has not flagged, and whatever service I can perform with the help of God Almighty and my comrades—not much can be done by the speaker alone, and he is aware of that fact—I pledge to you and to all our organizations to do the best that is possible for me in the capacity to which you have elected me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the expression of your confidence and regard. God bless every one of you with health of mind and body and strength to carry on in these troubled days. Again I thank you.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. There was an engraving that was brought to the room yesterday, and the committee has not had

time to investigate it and to bring it before this organization. I move that it be referred to the committee for future consideration.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Comrades, you have heard the motion. Is it seconded?

We will stand for a moment while our chaplain dismisses us with the benediction.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Just before that, a word to you, sir. I want to thank you. I want to say to you, sir, as I am leaving the office which you are holding at this time, I sincerely wish for you a pleasant and a peaceful year, and I am sure that you will have the commendation of everyone. May God bless you.

Now I would love to turn this gavel over to you, but it was a present to me, so I am not going to do that. But I would like to, if you would like to use it, have you take it and use it now.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. You wish me to use it?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Yes, right now. You will give it back. But I want you to use it to close.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. We will have the benediction.

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. We thank Thee, dear Heavenly Father, for the blessings that Thou hast extended to us. We thank Thee for the harmony that has prevailed during our sessions. We pray that Thou wilt be with us on our way to our homes where we meet our loved ones. We pray for our continued good health and that the Lord will spare us to meet each other again in the next session we have of the Grand Army of the Republic. These favors we ask in the name of our beloved Saviour. Amen.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. I declare that this seventy-sixth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is now adjourned sine die. (12:22 p. m.)

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS
AND OF COMMITTEES**



THOMAS RIDENOUR
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



JOHN S. DUMSER
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

CRESTLINE, OHIO, *July 17, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant-General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: At the close of my year as senior vice commander in chief I feel it is my duty to submit to you a brief report; and to express my appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me by the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in electing me at the national encampment last September in Columbus.

It has been my pleasure to receive many courtesies in honor of my position, all of which have been highly appreciated, but my activities in connection with my office have not been many nor arduous.

It has been my pleasure to attend, with my wife, the meeting held in Indianapolis, with our commander in chief, George A. Gay, and Quartermaster General Owen, for arrangements for our encampment, to be held there in September. I attended the encampment of the Department of Ohio held at Columbus, Ohio, in June and also visited a number of patriotic organizations. We expect to go to the Xenia Children's Home. From July 25 to 26 we expect to go to the veterans' reunion, where we will be the guests of Captain and Mrs. Woodruff. We look forward to enjoying the treat of being with the home children.

Not only have I the honor of being senior vice commander in chief of our national organization, but still hold my post, even if I am the only member left of Meiser Post 93, Dupont, Ohio. I am looking forward to our encampment in September, when I hope to meet many of our comrades.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

THOMAS RIDENOUR,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

OAKLAND, CALIF., *July 20, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I herewith submit my report as junior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Having had no contact with our commander in chief, George A. Gay, yet I felt he would wish to be represented on various occasions in our Department of California and Nevada, and throughout the past year in the many meetings I have attended, I have presented his greetings for him. I wish to note the deep interest manifested at the meetings of the federations of the Woman's Relief Corps and of the Daughters of Union Veterans especially, and also similar interest in the rest of our Grand Army family, all of which tends to increase membership and warm cooperation with each other. We are a well united Grand Army family; may nothing arise to ever disturb these happy relations.

Memorial Day observance—always impressive—has taken on in the past year a fresh and deep significance, due to our entry into the frightful, all-destroying World War No. 2. Year by year the observance of the day has brought together the comrades of the Civil War and our allied orders, and those of the Spanish and World War No. 1, and their auxiliaries, and also the servicemen of the present war, which already is taking its toll, so that the observance of this Memorial Day was the best of any for many years. Resulting from these contacts, the comradeship of the entire Nation is welded into closer relations than before and has much to do with the united national front of today and ultimate victory.

Our department encampment held in Hollywood, Calif., from May 11 to 14, was a very successful one, largely attended and harmonious throughout. We were sorry that Commander in Chief Gay was not present and were shocked to hear of the very serious illness of the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Glenola G. Sill, whose death ensued shortly afterward. The interest of the city administration and also that of the public-school authorities and high-school students, together with the generous hospitality of the various hotels, far exceeded our anticipations, and we found that Hollywood could entertain conventions satisfactorily quite as well as creating movies. We therefore commend Hollywood as a first-class convention city.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF SURGEON GENERAL ¹

DALLAS, TEX., *July 14, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Last fall I gave up my residence in Indiana and came to my daughter's home in Dallas, Tex., where she can give me the care I need. It was fortunate that I did so, since in the past year I have realized my age, 95½ years, for the first time.

I was unable to be present at my department encampment in Indiana in May—the first one I have missed in many years. I have been able to make some calls at meetings of the two corps of the Woman's Relief Corps here, and the tent of Daughters of Union Veterans. I hope to see you at the encampment in Indianapolis in September if I am able to make the trip and can get transportation by airplane. Comrade Shearer of Houston has gone on so that now I am probably the only Grand Army of the Republic man left in Texas. The frequent death notices of our comrades show that we will all be gone soon.

I am sorry that I cannot make a more interesting report, but trust you will take the will for the deed.

Your in F., C., and L.,

E. H. COWAN, M. D.,
Surgeon General.

¹ Died August 1, 1942.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

DENVER, COLO., *July 23, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: As chaplain in chief I have received reports from 11 departments only, but those showed a great interest in the Memorial Sunday services and Memorial Day exercises, both among the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, our Auxiliary, and our allied orders.

The facts presented by department chaplains show that the most apparent thing is the rapidly thinning ranks which confront us. Nevertheless, all the reports speak with something like old-time enthusiasm of Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day. I cherish, cordially, the kind receptions which have been given me as a representative of the Grand Army of the Republic, as apparent in my various engagements, and when I see how the people care for us and love us for what we have done to save our Nation from ruin, I cannot but feel that when we answer the last roll call we shall be accorded the acclaim of, "Well done, good and faithful soldier."

Yours in F., C., and L.,

JOSHUA C. PEARCE,
Chaplain in Chief.



REV. JOSHUA C. PEARCE
CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF



RUSSELL C. MARTIN
ADJUTANT GENERAL

REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *July 25, 1942.*

Comrade GEORGE A. GAY,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Another year has passed and soon we will be meeting in our seventy-sixth national encampment. I herewith submit my report and express my appreciation of the honor you conferred on me by making me a member of your official staff. It was a bitter disappointment to me not to have been able to attend the national encampment in Columbus, Ohio, last year, but now conditions appear favorable for my attendance this year.

Although it is 77 years since the close of the Civil War and the average age of our members is nearly 97, our members still carry on and hold post meetings and department encampments as enthusiastically as when their membership was larger.

Following is a summary of gains and losses during the year ending December 31, 1941:

	Members	Posts
In good standing, Dec. 31, 1940-----	763	342
Gain by muster, transfer, and reinstatement-----	46	2
Total-----	809	344
Loss by death-----	244	-----
Loss by all other causes-----	47	-----
Total loss-----	291	74
In good standing, Dec. 31, 1941-----	518	270

The loss by death seems to maintain the same ratio as in other years. This year, however, the loss by other causes was greater than it should be. It would seem as if these comrades might be kept on the rolls if department secretaries would contact the members of our allied orders.

December 31, 1941, we had 518 members and 32 departments, of which 8 had less than 5 members each. California and Nevada, the largest department, reported 61 members and 25 posts. Michigan gained the largest number of members during the year, 18, which was 8 more than their loss by death. No report has been received from Maryland and South Dakota for the second year and we assume there are no members left. With the death of Department Commander John Shearer, October 9, 1941, the Department of Texas passed out of existence. On July 13, 1942, the history of the Department of

Vermont was finished with the death of Department Commander Charles A. Heyer.

I regret that I could not attend the meeting in February in Indianapolis to arrange for the national encampment, but it was not deemed wise for me to leave this mild climate at that time.

January 10 I was invited to attend the unveiling in Los Angeles City Hall of a life-size painting of myself, arranged and paid for by my friends in the Grand Army and allied orders of California and from all over the United States. To those in Los Angeles who inaugurated this tribute, and to my many friends who made it possible, I am indeed grateful.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1941

	Dec. 31, 1940		Dec. 31, 1941		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Members	Posts	Members	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Arkansas-----	1	2	1	1	-----	-----	-----	1
California and Nevada-----	25	86	22	61	-----	3	-----	25
Colorado and Wyoming-----	3	9	3	9	-----	-----	-----	-----
Connecticut-----	5	10	5	8	-----	-----	-----	2
Delaware-----	4	9	4	8	-----	-----	1	2
Florida-----	3	10	3	5	-----	-----	-----	5
Idaho-----	1	3	1	4	-----	-----	2	1
Illinois-----	34	62	24	42	-----	10	5	25
Indiana-----	27	41	23	26	-----	4	-----	15
Iowa-----	4	71	3	47	-----	1	1	25
Kansas-----	12	15	13	15	1	-----	4	4
Kentucky-----	2	2	1	7	-----	1	6	1
Maine-----	22	37	13	23	-----	9	-----	14
Massachusetts-----	29	40	24	30	-----	5	-----	10
Michigan-----	21	35	16	43	-----	5	18	10
Minnesota-----	15	24	11	16	-----	4	3	11
Missouri-----	8	22	7	17	-----	1	-----	5
Nebraska-----	10	27	9	18	-----	1	-----	9
New Hampshire-----	3	4	3	4	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Jersey-----	3	10	3	5	-----	-----	-----	5
New York-----	34	85	21	29	-----	13	-----	56
North Dakota-----	2	2	2	2	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ohio-----	30	44	25	32	-----	5	-----	12
Oklahoma-----	1	27	0	14	-----	1	-----	13
Oregon-----	2	6	1	5	-----	1	-----	1
Pennsylvania-----	4	7	4	5	-----	-----	-----	2
Potomac-----	1	2	(1)	(1)	-----	1	-----	2
Rhode Island-----	1	2	2	3	1	-----	1	-----
Texas-----	1	5	(2)	(2)	-----	1	-----	5
Utah-----	1	1	1	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Vermont-----	1	3	1	3	-----	-----	-----	-----
Virginia and North Carolina-----	1	2	(2)	(2)	-----	1	-----	2
Washington and Alaska-----	13	26	10	10	-----	3	-----	16
West Virginia-----	2	5	2	3	-----	-----	-----	2
Wisconsin-----	16	24	12	19	-----	4	3	8
Members at large-----	-----	3	-----	3	-----	-----	2	2
Aggregate-----	342	763	270	518	2	74	46	291
Net loss-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	72	-----	245

¹ Charter surrendered.

² Closed by death.

I have attended many meetings of all our allied organizations in southern California and attended receptions for department officers in San Francisco and the Bay District. I have also visited the National Veterans' Home in West Los Angeles, the State Veterans' Home in Napa County, where I formerly served as commandant, the Daughters of Union Veterans' Home in Brentwood and the Woman's Relief Corps Home in San Jose.

If I have been of any help to my commander in chief and my comrades I am content. I again record my appreciation of the work of our national secretary, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, who is endeavoring to keep our records correct, and is helping us in every way possible. I cannot say how much she has done for me and my comrades, and we thank her for the patience, kindness, and daughterly affection always shown us.

Sincerely in F., C., and L.,

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

LANSING, MICH., August 12, 1942.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: During the early winter of 1941, our Heavenly Father saw fit to call to his eternal reward, our friend and loyal comrade, J. A. Hamilton, the quartermaster general.

Michigan appreciated the honor of having been entrusted with the duties of this high office and in compliance with the request of our commander in chief, George A. Gay, I accepted the appointment. It has been a pleasure to serve in the capacity of quartermaster general.

My very competent secretary, Miss Leah Simpson, with her trained experience, has attended to the many details involved in the work of the office. I have signed all vouchers and submit the books with pride and gratitude, especially to my secretary.

Sincerely in F., C., and L.,

EUGENE OWEN,
Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books, Aug. 12 to Sept. 19, 1941

Cash balance in all funds as reported to the 75th national encampment	\$1, 648. 79
General fund	\$941. 51
Southern memorial fund	743. 28
Subsequent receipts:	
Woman's Relief Corps	1, 000. 00
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	1, 000. 00
Daughters of Union Veterans	1, 100. 00
Daughters of Union Veterans for southern memorial	500. 00
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans	500. 00
Sons of Union Veterans	200. 00
Supplies	6. 50
Per capita tax	8. 00
Refund, southern memorial	242. 12
	4, 556. 62
Total	6, 241. 41

DISBURSEMENTS

Supplies	\$5. 15
Travel	250. 00
Expense	451. 73
Salaries	90. 00
	796. 88
Balance	5, 444. 53
To be credited as follows:	
General fund	\$3, 959. 13
Southern memorial	1, 485. 40
	5, 444. 53



EUGENE OWEN
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Statement of disbursements, Aug. 11-Sept. 18, 1941

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense
Aug. 20 Aug. 28	62	Cora E. Gillis, stenographic services-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	63	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advance travel expense to Columbus, Ohio, and return, national encampment- Office expense: postage, \$11.50; telegrams, \$3.78; supplies and phone service, \$2.65; cab and express, \$2.25-----	-----	\$50. 00	\$60. 00	-----
Sept. 18	64	W. W. Nixon, commander in chief, travel expense-----	-----	-----	-----	\$20. 18
	64½	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Compensation for 2 assistants during national encampment-----	-----	200. 00	-----	-----
	65	Walter Mabie, printers, Philadelphia, Pa.: 250 encampment rolls, 250 officers' re- ports, \$267; 200 lists D. C. and A. A. G., \$7.50; 2,000 8-page General Orders No. 5, \$43; postage, \$6.25-----	-----	-----	30. 00	-----
	66	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Paid national encampment expense, \$14.25; additional expense en route, \$16.75-----	-----	-----	-----	323. 75
	67	Underwood Elliott Fisher Co.: Adjusting typewriter and ribbon-----	-----	-----	-----	31. 00
	68	Deshler Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio: Telegrams, express, postage, \$22.64; serv- ice, \$20-----	-----	-----	-----	2. 40
	69	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Express, Washington to Columbus, flag box, moving furniture and closing expense-----	-----	-----	-----	42. 64
	70	Leah M. Simpson: Express on quartermaster general's books, Lansing to Colum- bus, porter and office expense-----	-----	-----	-----	25. 32
	71	Horstman Uniform Co., Philadelphia, Pa.: 24 coat, 24 vest buttons-----	\$5. 15	-----	-----	6. 44
		Total-----	5. 15	250	90. 00	451. 73

ACCOUNT CURRENT

DEBIT

Cash received for term ending Sept. 18, 1941.

Balances in all funds as shown in supplemental report
dated Sept. 18, 1941:

General fund	\$3, 959. 13	
Southern memorial fund	1, 485. 40	
		<u>\$5, 444. 53</u>

Subsequent receipts:

Sale of supplies	22. 75	
Per capita tax	518. 00	
Transferred from permanent fund	1, 000. 00	
Refund, Underwood Elliott Fisher Co., voucher No. 14	1. 48	
Refund, national secretary travel, voucher No. 57	8. 66	
Refund, Southern memorial appropriation check	247. 40	
		<u>1, 798. 29</u>

Total		<u>7, 242. 82</u>
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CREDIT

Cash paid out, term ending Aug. 10, 1942:

Travel	\$1, 663. 42	
Salaries	2, 050. 00	
Expense	1, 398. 24	
Southern memorial	1, 000. 00	
		<u>6, 111. 66</u>

Total in all funds Aug. 12, 1942		<u>1, 131. 16</u>
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To be credited as follows:

General fund	\$398. 36	
Southern memorial fund	732. 80	
		<u>1, 131. 16</u>

Statement of total receipts, sale of supplies, per capita tax, southern memorial fund, etc., for term ending Aug. 10, 1942

Departments	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern memorial
Arkansas.....		\$1		
California and Nevada.....	\$3. 25	61		
Colorado and Wyoming.....		9		
Connecticut.....		8		
Delaware.....	1. 90	8		
Florida.....		5		
Idaho.....		4		
Illinois.....	1. 35	42		
Indiana.....		26		
Iowa.....		47		
Kansas.....		15		
Kentucky.....		7		
Maine.....	4. 80	23		
Massachusetts.....	. 45	30		
Michigan.....	. 50	43		
Minnesota.....	5. 50	16		
Missouri.....		17		
Nebraska.....		18		
New Hampshire.....		4		
New Jersey.....		5		
New York.....	2. 00	29		
North Dakota.....		2		
Ohio.....		32		
Oklahoma.....	. 50	14		
Oregon.....		5		
Pennsylvania.....		5		
Rhode Island.....		3		
Utah.....		1		
Vermont.....		3		
Washington and Alaska.....		10		
West Virginia.....		3		
Wisconsin.....		19		
Comrades at large.....		3		
Commander in chief.....	2. 50			
Permanent fund.....			\$1, 000. 00	
Refund on checks.....			10. 14	
Refund from southern memorial ap- propriation.....				\$247. 40
Total.....	22. 75	518	1, 010. 14	247. 40

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1942

Date 1941	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
Sept. 19	1	George A. Gay, commander in chief: Advance traveling expense-----		\$200. 00			
30	2	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for balance of September----- Postage for General Orders No. 1, envelopes, taxies to Capitol-----			\$100. 00		
Oct. 6	3	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Traveling expense, Washington to Springfield, and consultation with Commander in Chief Gay in Nashua, N. H.-----				\$4. 50	
20	4	Illinois Central R. R. Co.: Freight on office furniture from Washington, D. C., \$28.65; storage in Springfield, Ill., \$1.40; packing and shipping, Union Storage Co., Washington, D. C., \$25.32-----		125. 00			
	5	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for October----- Office expense-----				55. 37	
Nov. 10	6	Jeffersons, stationers, Springfield, Ill.: Office supplies and tax-----			150. 00	44. 53	
	7	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Travel expense, Springfield, Ill., to Boston, Mass., via Washington, D. C.----- Office expense in Springfield: Telegrams, \$3.77; express, \$3.17; telephones, \$2.30; postage, \$4.26; mailbox, hammer, and screwdriver, \$1.12-----		125. 00		26. 63	
18	8	Gordon L. Elliott, Des Moines: Reporting seventy-fifth national encampment and furnishing 2 copies of transcript, \$200; travel expense to and from encampment, \$47; express on transcript, \$0.40-----				14. 62	
	9	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Connection charge, \$3.50; cord, \$1.50; service charge, Oct. 22 to Nov. 15, \$5.17; tax, \$0.31; service Nov. 16 to Dec. 15, \$6.75; tax, \$0.41-----				247. 40	
	10	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for November-----				17. 64	
29	11	George A. Gay, commander in chief: Advance traveling allowance-----		200. 00	150. 00		

Nov. 29	12	Williamson Printing Co., Springfield, Ill.: 600 gummed labels, \$4.70; 500 catalog envelopes, 6½ x 9½, 500 6¾, 500 No. 10, 500 No. 11, \$13.25; 250 General Orders No. 1, \$5; 500 Circular Letters No. 1, \$4.90; imprinting letterheads, \$16; postage and packing, \$5.80					49. 65	
	13	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Extra compensation to cover extra living—expense during temporary location as voted by National Council of Administration, \$25; express on office boxes to Boston, \$14.58; express on boxes received in Springfield, \$2.27; typewriter table, \$7.95; postage, \$6.35; telegrams, \$3.17; paid Hotel Manger during conference, commander in chief and national presidents, allied orders, \$5.50; taxis in Boston, \$3.60					68. 42	
Dec. 6	14	Underwood Elliott Fisher Co.: Packing typewriter in Washington and express to Springfield, Ill., \$5.60; adjustments, ribbon, and tax, \$2.77; rental in Boston for 3 months, \$9; 1 set cushion key tops, \$4					21. 37	
10	15	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for first quarter				25. 00		
	16	J. A. Hamilton, quartermaster general: Salary for first quarter				25. 00		
		Salary for first quarter						
		Office expense, express and postage on supplies and free blanks					10. 00	
13	17	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for December				150. 00		
		Extra compensation to cover extra living expenses during temporary location as voted by National Council of Administration, \$25; postage, \$5.10; telegrams, \$3.27; phones, \$1.10; paid commander in chief for expense, \$1.81; supplies, \$0.90						
23	18	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advanced closing expense in Boston for transfer of office to Springfield, Ill., stopping in Pittsburgh and Indianapolis en route and travel expense to Indianapolis and Springfield					37. 18	
							200. 00	
1942 Jan. 12	19	Leah M. Simpson, secretary to quartermaster general: Wreath for funeral of Quartermaster General Hamilton, \$10; telegrams, \$0.99					10. 99	

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1942—Continued

Date 1942	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
Jan. 12	20	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for January Extra compensation to cover extra living expenses during temporary location as voted by National Council of Administration, \$25; postage, \$8.72; telegrams and express, \$6.14; Commander in Chief Gay, postage and telegrams, \$4.20			\$150. 00		
29	21	George A. Gay, commander in chief: Advance traveling expense				\$44. 06	
Feb. 4	22	Williamson Printing Co., Springfield, Ill.: 1,000 countersign cards		\$200. 00			
5	23	Thomas Ridenour, senior vice commander in chief: Travel expense to meeting of executive committee in Indianapolis		12. 00		4. 75	
6	24	Eugene Owen, quartermaster general: Expense attending Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis		42. 85			
	25	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Expense attending executive committee meeting in Indianapolis, Ind.		54. 38			
11	26	Winch Floral Co., Springfield, Ill.: Wreath for Lincoln Tomb and tax					
20	27	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for February Postage, \$7.16; telegrams and express, \$3.33; supplies, \$0.41			150. 00	10. 20	
26	28	Wolfson Furniture Co., Springfield, Ill.: Metal storage cabinet and tax				10. 90	
Feb. 26	29	Simmons Office Supply Co., Springfield, Ill.: Metal storage cabinet with lock, for records, \$28.10; tax, \$0.56				10. 15	
Mar. 2	30	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service to Mar. 16, \$6.75; and tax, \$0.41				28. 66	
12	31	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Paid E. Weinhof, stenographer				7. 16	
20	32	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service Mar. 16 to Apr. 15, \$6. 75; tax, \$0.41 ; telegrams, \$1.71				40. 00	
						8. 87	

33	27	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for March Express, 0.78; telegrams, \$3.12; office supplies, \$2.76; postage, \$9.21; additional help, E. Weinhof, stenog- rapher, \$12	150.00	27.87	
34		Williamson Printing Co., Springfield, Ill.: Imprinting letter- heads, \$3.25; 1,500 General orders No. 2, \$55.65; postage, \$4.12; 500 catalog envelopes, \$6.; 500 No. 10 envelopes, \$3.75		72.77	
35	Apr. 1	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advance travel ex- pense, Springfield, Ill., to Boston, Mass., returning via Bridgeport, Conn., Washington, D. C., Pittsburgh, and Indianapolis, Ind	175.00		
36	Apr. 2	Jeffersons, stationers, Springfield, Ill.: 100 No. 1613 letter folders, \$2.45; 100, No. 815 letter-size blank guides, \$2.70; tax, \$0.10		5.25	
37	15	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for April Postage, \$8.68; telegrams, \$4.78; extra stenographer, \$15; express and supplies, \$1.74	150.00	30.20	
38		George A. Gay, commander in chief: Advance travel appro- priation	200.00		
39		Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service Apr. 16 to May 15, \$6.75; tax, \$0.41		7.16	
40	28	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Editing Journal of national encampment		100.00	
41		Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for second quarter	25.00	5.00	
42		Office expense Eugene Owen, quartermaster general: Salary for second quarter	25.00	5.00	
43	May 12	Office expense Williamson Printing Co., Springfield, Ill.: Imprinting letter- heads, 100 each for patriotic instructor and quartermaster general, 500 for national headquarters, \$6.16; 1,500, Gen- eral Orders No. 3, \$13.75; postage, \$2.69		22.60	

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1942—Continued

Date 1942	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial
May 12	44	Zola Miller Donahoe: Appropriation for Memorial Day in the South					\$1,000
20	45	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for May			\$150.00		
		Office expense: Postage, \$7.30; express, \$2.10; telegrams, \$2.77; supplies, \$0.77					
May 20	46	Sherman Flower Shop, Chicago, Ill.: Wreath for funeral of national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War				\$12.94	
	47	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service, May 16 to June 15, \$6.75; tax, \$0.41				10.10	
June 1	48	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Expense attending funeral of national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for Commander in Chief Gay, and trip to Indianapolis, Ind., in connection with arrangements for national encampment				7.16	
	49	Burchett Studio, Springfield, Ill.: 12 glossy prints of the commander in chief for encampment use		\$69.19			
12		Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for third quarter			25.00	6.00	
15	50	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary:					
	51	Salary for June			150.00		
		Postage, \$11.72; telegrams, \$6.27; express, \$4.61; office supplies, \$3.76; typing, \$3.10; Winch Florist, for wreath for Commander in Chief Gay to place at Lincoln Tomb, \$5					
	52	Eugene Owen, quartermaster general: Salary for third quarter				34.46	
29	53	George A. Gay, commander in chief: Balance of traveling appropriation			25.00		
	54	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.: Service, June 16 to July 15, \$6.75; tax, \$0.41; telephone message to Indianapolis, \$1.80; telegrams, \$6.82; tax, \$0.88		200.00			
						16.66	

July 18	55	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for July			150. 05			
		Office expense: Express, \$3.22; telegrams, \$2.27; postage, \$5.17				10. 66		
27	56	Illinois Telephone Co.: Service, July 16 to Aug. 15, \$6.75; tax, \$0.41; telegrams and tax, \$1.83				8. 99		
	57	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advance travel, Indianapolis and return		60. 00				
31	58	J. M. Winters & Sons, Quincy, Ill.: Premium on bond for Quartermaster General Eugene Owen				12. 50		
	59	Dwight G. Smith, Nashua, N. H.: Funeral spray for Assistant Adjutant General Charles A. Heyer, \$3; telegram, \$0.26			50. 00	3. 26		
Aug. 3	60	Cora E. Gillis, stenographer: Salary July 22 to Aug. 4						
6	61	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for balance of term			25. 00			
6	62	Engine Owen, quartermaster general: Salary for balance of term			25. 00			
		Office expense: postage and parcel post				5. 00		
	63	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for balance of term			200. 00			
		Office expense: Telegrams, \$2.73; supplies, \$3.09; express, \$6.39; postage, \$9.40				21. 61		
		Total		1, 663. 42	2, 050. 00	1, 398. 24		1, 000

Inventory of supplies in quartermaster general's office, Aug. 10, 1942

Supplies	On hand August 1941	Issued	On hand August 1942
Rules and regulations with 1922 amendments-----	468	-----	468
Rituals-----	30	-----	30
Officers' cards:			
Senior vice commander-----	91	-----	91
Junior vice commander-----	47	-----	47
Chaplain-----	78	-----	78
Ode cards-----	139	-----	139
Service books-----	154	2	152
Applications for membership-----	418	-----	418
Leave of absence-----	323	-----	323
Transfers: Certificates, 518; cards, 884-----	1, 402	-----	1, 402
Discharge cards-----	650	-----	650
Charters: Post, 133; department, 114-----	247	-----	247
Descriptive books-----	37	-----	37
Blue books: 1895, 2; 1896, 1; 1902, 6-----	9	-----	9
Comrades-at-large certificates-----	536	20	516
Electrotypes-----	9	-----	9
Lapel buttons-----	705	1	704
Badges-----	362	13	349
Rank straps-----	582	14	568
Amendments to rules and regulations-----	407	-----	407
Ribbons, 25 pieces-----	25	-----	25
Form C (Report of assistant adjutant general)-----	1, 000	-----	1, 000
Form I (requisition for supplies)-----	45	20	25
Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quarter- master)-----	500	50	450
Report of department chaplain-----	159	10	149
Report of post chaplain-----	1, 272	105	1, 167
Underwood typewriter-----	1	-----	1

Free blanks issued

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster)-----	50
Form I (requisition for supplies)-----	25
Report of department chaplain-----	10
Report of post chaplain-----	105
Report of department patriotic instructor-----	37

REPORT OF THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH,
CUSTODIAN FOR THE PERMANENT FUND OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

For the period Aug. 10, 1941, to Aug. 10, 1942, inclusive

Date		Disburse- ments	Receipts	Balance
	PRINCIPAL			
Aug. 10, 1941	\$3,000 par value city of New York, N. Y., 4½ percent corporate stock registered bonds due May 1, 1957-----		\$3, 000. 00	
	\$1,000 par value city of New York, N. Y., 4½ percent corporate stock for water supply, registered due May 1, 1957-----		1, 000. 00	
Aug. 10, 1941	Cash on hand-----		1, 150. 96	
Sept. 2, 1941	Check drawn, bond of treasurer-----	\$12. 50		
July 16, 1942	Check drawn, quartermaster-general-----	829. 00		
	Total-----	841. 50	5, 150. 96	\$4, 309. 46
	INCOME			
Aug. 10, 1941	Cash on hand-----		90. 00	
Nov. 5, 1941	Interest on bonds-----		67. 50	
Nov. 5, 1941	-----do-----		22. 50	
May 5, 1942	-----do-----		67. 50	
May 5, 1942	-----do-----		22. 50	
July 16, 1942	Check drawn, quartermaster-general-----	171. 00		
	Compensation of custodian-----	9. 00		
	Total-----	180. 00	270. 00	90. 00
	Balance-----			4, 399. 46

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depositary for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the above annual statement to August 10, 1942, is correct and that the balance shown consists of \$4,000 par value in securities and \$399.46 in cash.

THE UNION TRUST COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH,
D. A. HAZLETT, Assistant Treasurer.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

DES MOINES, IOWA, *July 21, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have your request for a report and may say that as no matter has been referred to me by the commander in chief, I have no official report to make.

As assistant adjutant general of the Department of Iowa, I referred to the commander in chief a matter of a post's voting to give its charter and property to another organization and admitting to its meetings for the purpose of assuming the offices of the post, members of an organization not given recognition by the Grand Army of the Republic. His ruling was that such proceedings were illegal and that by the admission of such an organization to the meeting of the Post all the proceedings of that Post become illegal, in which decision I thoroughly concurred.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

THOMAS J. NOLL,
Judge Advocate General.



THOMAS J. NOLL
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL



LEWIS H. EASTERLY
INSPECTOR GENERAL

REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

GUNNISON, COLO., *July 20, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Since the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic no longer provide for inspection of posts or departments, there is little for me to report. I have been active in my own department as department commander and attended the department encampment at Manitou Springs in June. There were five Grand Army veterans present and an attendance of about 400 from our Auxiliary and allied organizations. I was proud to report to the department encampment that our department had not lost a member since the previous encampment.

As a member of the State board of the soldiers and sailors home at Home Lake, I have attended all meetings and have found our home in splendid condition. I am planning on attending the national encampment in September and hope to meet many of my comrades there.

I wish to thank Commander in Chief George A. Gay for appointing me on his staff, an honor which I greatly appreciated.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

LEWIS H. EASTERLY,
Inspector General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

EAST DEDHAM, MASS., *August 8, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: I am grateful to Commander in Chief George A. Gay for the appointment of national patriotic instructor, following the death of our mutual friend and comrade, George W. Green, last March.

The work of patriotic instruction is so well taken care of, however, by our Auxiliary and allied organizations, there is not much left for us to do. In fact, at our advanced age we can do little but attend patriotic meetings and encourage our organizations in their good work.

I have received and accepted many invitations since my installation last April.

Again my thanks and appropriation for the honor conferred on me.

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

JOHN E. BRONSON,
National Patriotic Instructor.



JOHN E. BRONSON
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



CHARLES H. PERRY
CHIEF OF STAFF

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., *July 15, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: The duties of the national chief of staff are heaviest during the national encampment in connection with the parade, and I hope that my work may be a satisfaction to my commander in chief to whom I am indebted for my appointment on his official staff.

I stand ready and willing at all times to assist in every way possible to further the best interests of our great organization. I am in correspondence with the aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief and am looking forward to personally meeting many of them at our coming national encampment in Indianapolis, Ind.

I am deeply grateful for the confidence he placed in me by his appointment of me as his chief of staff.

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

CHARLES H. PERRY,
National Chief of Staff.

REPORT OF SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

BOISE, IDAHO, *July 15, 1942.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: In submitting my report I desire, first of all, to express to our commander in chief, George A. Gay, my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me and the Department of Idaho.

I find it rather difficult to make a report as I have had no duties to perform, although I have held myself in readiness for service when needed, but I have been actively engaged in looking after the interests of my State as department commander. I have attended many meetings of the allied organizations and have extended the national greetings on these occasions and urged the importance of true patriotism now that America is passing through dark and trying hours, as are the nations of the world.

I am planning to attend the national encampment in Indianapolis and hope to meet and greet you there.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ALBERT G. JONES,
Senior Aide-de-Camp.



ALBERT G. JONES
SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF ADMINISTRATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1942, IN ROOM 514, CLAY-
POOL HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**

The executive committee of the national council of administration met, pursuant to call, at 2:15 p. m. on Monday, September 14, 1942, in room 514 of the Claypool Hotel. The following members of the committee were present: Commander in Chief George A. Gay, Quartermaster General Eugene Owen, Past Commander in Chief William W. Nixon.

The report of the auditing committee was presented. (The report will be found in the proceedings of the national council of administration at p. 123 of this journal.)

There being no other business to come before the meeting, after an informal discussion the meeting was adjourned.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14,
1942, IN THE PALM ROOM OF THE CLAYPOOL HOTEL,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**

The national council of administration convened at 2:43 p. m., Monday, September 14, 1942, in the Palm Room on the ninth floor of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., Commander in Chief George A. Gay, presiding.

In addition to the commander in chief the following members of the council responded to the roll call or came in during the meeting:

Quartermaster General Eugene Owen.

Judge Advocate General T. J. Noll.

Comrade Truman N. Parsons, of Connecticut.

Comrade Milton H. Myers, of Illinois.

Comrade Oscar N. Wilmington, of Indiana.

Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.

Comrade R. R. Graham, of Kentucky.

Comrade George F. Jones, of Maine.

Comrade Charles H. Perry, of Minnesota.

Comrade William H. Osborn, of Missouri.

Comrade Thomas H. Stritch, of New York.

Comrade T. A. Penland, of Oregon.

Comrade Ira Stormes, of Utah.

There were also present Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the following representatives of allied orders:

Woman's Relief Corps: Mrs. May L. Luchsinger, president, and Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, past national president.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, national president, and Mrs. Josephine Mahar, past national president.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Mrs. Erma H. Chaplin, national president, and Mrs. Mattie R. Tucker, past national president.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Albert C. Lambert, commander in chief, and Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, past commander in chief.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, national president, and Mrs. Clara M. Gallagher, past national president.

Commander in Chief GAY. Reverend Craig, will you ask the Divine blessing?

Mr. CRAIG. Our Father, God, we thank Thee for the blessings that Thou hast given unto us. We are truly grateful for the privilege of coming into this council chamber. At this time we pray that Thou wilt give unto us Thy support and wisdom in our deliberations, not

only for ourselves but for the great institutions of this great Nation of ours. We thank Thee for the heritages that are ours. We thank Thee for the good examples that they have set. We thank Thee for the great sacrifices that they made. We thank Thee for those goodly counsels given to us and handed down to us through the years.

And now as we come together in this day of chaos and confusion, we pray Thee that Thou wilt give unto all the leaders in this great struggle that wisdom that can only come from above. Bless our boys in the service today—in the air, on the seas and under the seas, in the camps and cantonments, wherever they may be.

Grant, O God, that they may realize that they, too, have received a great heritage, and that they, too, are representatives of this great country of ours, and not only this country of ours but also those principles that are involved in this great struggle in which we are engaged. Bless, therefore, our forces wherever they are at this time, and grant, our Father, that we may have not only a complete and speedy victory in this great conflict that is going on, but grant that we may have after the victory has been won a complete and lasting peace and the spirit of brotherhood among all the nations of the world.

Bless the members of this vanishing Army. Bless us in our deliberations at this time. Forgive us and love us as only Thou canst. We ask it in the name of the lover of men, women and children, and of youth. Amen.

Commander in Chief GAY. I now declare this meeting open. [Roll call.]

The report of the auditing committee.

(The report was then read by the shorthand reporter, as follows:)

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have carefully examined the receipts and vouchers for expense and have compared the footings of the books as kept by the secretary of the quartermaster with above and find them correct. We highly commend the report, finding it to be correct.

The committee wishes to express its sorrow at the death of Quartermaster J. A. Hamilton and commend his excellent work, as well as that of his successor, Comrade Eugene Owen.

WILLIAM W. NIXON, *Chairman*.
GEORGE H. JONES.

Commander in Chief GAY. You have heard the report. Now what do you wish to do with the report? You know what the report is all about?

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. It is very evident we didn't all hear the sense of that report. Evidently the report is all right, so I will start the business. I move that the report be accepted. [Motion seconded.]

Secretary FLOOD. I think it might be well to tell these comrades that that was the report of the auditing committee who audited the books of the quartermaster general and found them correct. Do you understand me?

Commander in Chief GAY. That was one thing that I omitted was the fact that I was quite well aware that they didn't know what that report was all about. So I know that they trusted in our integrity and ability and they would endorse it, which they did, so it is all right.

Comrade STRITCH. Let me ask you this. It is hard to hear what is said. We are all here to do the business intelligently. If you haven't said what is proper, let us do what is proper. What is proper? I will ask the secretary.

Commander in Chief GAY. I will tell you what is proper right here. That report was read. I asked the comrades if they understood that report, didn't I? Now, comrades, I would like to say just one more word. I want you boys, if it is possible, to know just what is going on here. That is your privilege, and as far as I am concerned I will try to see that you have your rights. You are here for a purpose, but if you do not understand what is before you you cannot act intelligently, and that is no fault of yours. You have your rights here and you are going to have them.

Comrade OSCAR N. WILMINGTON, of Indiana. To you individually who are near me, I understand what you say, but if you don't I don't know. When my daughter-in-law and her husband, my son, talk to me I understand everything they say. And when I was Commander Somers' best man and secretary, he said to me, "I cannot understand what you say. If you don't talk to me I don't know what you say." I talked to him then and he could hear me. But when you don't speak to me I cannot hear in the ordinary voice. As far as that is concerned, this report, I think, was correct. I didn't feel like getting up and saying that. I expect the most of the men here are in just the same fix as I am. They cannot hear unless you speak to them, and you cannot speak toward a house all at once. I had some patent ears fixed up. A man fixed me up. I am president of the board in Indianapolis. I am secretary, adjutant general, and quartermaster general. But there are lots of conversation that I cannot hear. Those that do hear know, and they should make a motion it be approved. I think it was all right. I make that motion. I did not hear what was said.

Commander in Chief GAY. Well, I hardly think that is necessary.

Secretary FLOOD. It has already been done.

Commander in Chief GAY. I don't see why we should go over it.

Secretary FLOOD. The hotel promised to have the loud speaker in and the room ready. I was busy all morning on the credentials' committee and I didn't get up here. That is where I fell down. I should have come up here to be sure that everything was ready. Mr. Ellis told me that he would come up here and see that the loud speaker was here. I assure you that will be in tomorrow and every window in this room will be open until we meet Wednesday, so the place will be airy and cool.

Commander in Chief GAY. Is there any other business to come before this meeting? If not I am going to call on our visitors. First, I am going to call on the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Will you please give us a few words? We would be glad to have you.

Mr. LAMBERT. Commander in chief, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I suppose that most of you have had sons, and I suppose that you have had the same experience that I have had with my son. He has not done everything that he should have done. There are some things that I might find fault with. But to offset that, the very fact that he is my son and that for the most part he is a good boy, I am

proud of him. I know that he is going to do the things that I would want him to do in the majority of cases.

I wish that my organization of Sons of Union Veterans might have, over the last 61 years, done a little more than we have done. On the other hand the record may disclose that we have accomplished a great deal. I know personally of so many cities and so many communities where the Sons of Union Veterans are active and do a fine job. I am here to tell you today that personally and in behalf of my organization we are going to try to do better. I will never be satisfied with the amount of work that we do in commemoration of you and your comrades. There is no such thing as perfection. I will never be pleased. We must always strive to do even better.

As I told some of the folks down at Fort Friendly the other day, there are two types of patriotism, just as there are two types of religion. There is positive patriotism and negative patriotism. I think that perhaps all Americans have patriotism, at least in the negative form. But organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, particularly in times like these, during national emergency, at all times, whether it be through times of peace or war, must have a positive type of patriotism.

The country depends upon national patriotic organizations to keep alive the patriotism during the times when patriotism is not sometimes too fashionable. You and I recall the times when we were just snickered at and laughed at a little bit because we had courage and the fortitude to turn out with the Stars and Stripes, to stand at attention when the National Anthem was played, and in various ways and means wear our heart on our sleeve, so to speak, and not be ashamed to let anyone know that we are Americans, that we realize what you men have given to us—a type of government and method of life under institutions of a democratic nature that no place in the world had ever before had the privilege of enjoying.

We recognize that. We appreciate it. And we know that had the rebellion been successful we might have had one or two or we might have had 48 different States or countries where we have this United States of America.

We know that if the Grand Army of the Republic could have continued at its full strength it would be a mighty instrument today in our present emergency. And we are going to try in our humble way to represent you and do the things that you would do and that you want us to do. It is a pleasure, it is a privilege to be admitted into your presence today. It is an experience that I will always remember—a pleasure and a privilege to represent my organization. Thank you very much for the opportunity of talking to you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Now Reverend Craig, will you make a few remarks, please?

Mr. CRAIG. Comrade Gay, commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army, I was just thinking a while ago when some of you men were addressing remarks here about not hearing what was being said, my father lost his hearing because of having caught cold during the days of the Rebellion, and he never heard a common conversation that went on at our table, and he used again and again his instruments. He was known in our community as Uncle Ben. And once in a while somebody would say to him, "Uncle Ben, there are a lot of nice things

you have missed because you have lost your hearing, haven't you?" And he would say, "Yes, I missed some things, but think of the lot of stuff that I don't have to listen to." So he took that optimistic view.

I thought of an occasion one time where up here in front sat somebody who heard every word that was being said in a political speech. Away back yonder sat somebody who could not hear so well. Pretty soon he got up and said, "Mr. Chairman, we are not hearing the speaker back here." Then he sat down. The speaker went on making his speech, dragging some chestnuts out of the fire, and so on and so forth, the man down here in front having to listen to them. And the man in the rear got up and said, "Mr. Chairman, we don't hear a word that is said." The man down in front—this man who was hearing every word—got up and said, "Oh, brother, sit down and thank God." So sometimes, maybe, that is the way some of the comrades might feel about it.

But the things that our commander in chief has said I would just emphasize, and as one who had the privilege of serving under Comrade Nixon during his administration I just want to say that the Sons of Union Veterans in our organization—the Auxiliary can speak for themselves—are very, very anxious to do all we possibly can to help our dads and our granddads, and say if there is anything that we can do that you think we can do, all you have to do is to say, "Son, do this," and we will do it.

My father used to say that one boy is a boy, two boys is only half a boy, and three boys is no boy at all. Well, we will go better than that. We have got between nineteen and twenty thousand Sons of Union Veterans across this country that whenever you say "Attention!" they stand at attention, and when you say "Do this" they do it. And when you say "Go there" they go, and when you say "Come here" they come.

So, comrades of the Grand Army, I am sure that our commander in chief has voiced the sentiments of all of his Sons of Union Veterans. And I say that when you say "Come," we come. When you say "Go," we go. When you say "Do this," this is what we do. Now that is the best I can do. If we could do better we would.

I had a bunch of boy friends one time over in camp in Michigan. The boys were at the boys' summer camp and they got their heads together and said, "We want a motto; we want a slogan; we want a challenge. What will it be?" And they finally decided upon this, which I think is good for any of us, no matter what we are doing:

Good, better, best. Never let it rest
Till your good is better, and your better best.

We want to do our best for the Grand Army of the Republic. Call us, command us, use us, help us. Thank you a lot, and God bless you every one, as Tiny Tim would say. That goes for you and your wife, too.

Commander in Chief GAY. I like very much the speech you have made. There is nothing you cannot do and would not do if you could. I am going to just give you a little tip. Pretty soon we are going to open our convention. By and by we are going to have a campfire and we will be looking for a thousand dollars.

Mr. CRAIG. A thousand dollars! O. K. Officially I cannot promise it to you. Personally, if it can be done it will be done. And don't you be a bit surprised if it is done.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you very much. I didn't know but what you might forget.

Now I am going to call on the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Luchsinger, will you come up here and give us a few words of your nice talk that I have heard all the way along the line?

Mrs. LUCHSINGER. Commander in chief and comrades, I do not know what I can add to what the commander in chief of the Sons has said, because he speaks for all of us. I do not think you have any one of your lady organizations that are not willing to do just what he has said the Sons are willing to do. And surely you can count on your Auxiliary, and there are many thousands of us throughout the United States, to do anything for you at any time that we can. And we are always ready to do our best. I think we have said that right through the whole year, and we are just waiting for you to call on us for something that we can do for you. We wish there was more that we could do, but since there is not, just ask us, as always.

Commander in Chief GAY. I want just a word before this president of ours sits down, and that is this. I have contacted Mrs. Luchsinger all along the way, and I want to tell you that if there was ever a lady in this world that I believe is loved it is this lady right here. She does not talk, but she acts. Well, that is business. You and I can stand up here and talk our hearts out, but if you don't put your hands to the wheel there is nothing accomplished. It is done through work, not talk. A man may come up here and say things—even an orator. Let's look at his record. All you have got is what he has said. Here is a woman. She doesn't talk an awful lot, but she is right there with the goods all the time. God bless you.

Now I see a lady right over here. She is smiling. Will you please come up here? You give us the best talk ever. You can do it.

Miss SMITH. Commander in chief and my comrades; he has asked me to give you a good talk. Talking is not my long point, but I can work. But if you give me a frying pan I can cook you a meal. But I can work. I have, and I will continue to work for you as your family. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, your wives and daughters, your cousins and nieces and your sisters, your own family; we have always done everything we could for you, and if there was something you wanted and we didn't give it to you it was just because we didn't know it.

And if there is anything in the world that we could ever do for you we stand ready to do it for you, just as your Auxiliary and the Auxiliary of the Sons and your Daughters, we all stand together to do everything in the world for you. And when there is nothing more to do for you we will continue to sing your praises and honor your memory and teach the coming generations to revere you and to honor you for protecting our flag and saving our country.

I want to tell you that you have the grandest commander in chief, and he has been so wonderful to every one of us and done everything to help us on our way.

I am happy and privileged to be here today representing the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I feel honored indeed to come before you splendid men. I feel very humble in my little efforts to show you my respect and the respect of my organization. But we do love you. As your commander has said, I might talk until tomorrow and it would not mean a thing. But we do promise to do, as we have in the past, everything we can; and if there is anything you want to ask us, if it is humanly possible we will do it. Thank you, comrades, and thank you for having me here with you today and for listening to me. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief GAY. That is very nice. I just want to respond and say a few words. You know I have met you on very many occasions, haven't I? You have always been a worker. You would never give up. I want to say to everyone here present, that this lady, just the same as the Auxiliary president down there, has always done everything she could. God bless you.

And this is the national president of the Daughters.

Mrs. CHAPLIN. Comrade Gay, commander in chief, and comrades of the Grand Army, I have not had an opportunity to become very well acquainted with the commander in chief this year, because I am just filling out an unexpired term.

I am here today representing our national president who passed away and who would have loved to be here today. Her thought, her aim, and her life was for the Grand Army of the Republic. I speak for her.

I bring you a message, I am sure, that your Daughters—well, it is hard to tell you—we just love you. We love you lots. But we are women of action. We are like the Ladies of the Grand Army—we are not so strong, maybe, making speeches, but we are at your service. We appreciate the privilege of coming to this council of administration. You have but to command us and we are here to obey you. Thank you, commander.

Commander in Chief GAY. I think you are quite a speech maker. I think you have done nobly. I think your language is right in the modern line.

Well now, Margaret Schroeder, of the Sons' Auxiliary.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Commander in Chief Gay, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, national presidents, and representatives, I am very happy to bring to you the greeting of my organization, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, and my personal greeting at the opening of the seventy-sixth encampment. It is a great pleasure to me.

I would like to tell you, Comrade Gay, we are organized—you know this, of course—for the purpose of assisting the Sons of Union Veterans and for perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. This afternoon we had a very beautiful program, and I am sorry that because of another engagement you could not be with us. We had three comrades of the Grand Army, and we presented to the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, a hospital for crippled children, a portable oxygenaire in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. We feel that we are doing what we are organized for, and we are perpetuating your memory. I wish that each and every comrade could have been out to the hospital when it was being done and have seen these crippled children. You would have been proud that

we are trying to help them in your memory. We are leaving there in this city a living memorial to you and your memory.

I wish you a very happy encampment. I hope you have a very good attendance. I hope you will live long. And thank you.

Commander in Chief GAY. I think you ladies do better than we do. It seems to me you put more study into what you are going to say. But we old fellows cannot study very much and we have to speak as we go along, and we make very many mistakes.

Secretary FLOOD. This is Captain Skinner, who will act as officer of the day at the encampment.

Commander in Chief GAY. I will now call on Mrs. Emma Campbell, past national president of the Relief Corps.

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Commander, I feel that we have been ably represented here by our national president, and I don't know what I could add.

Commander in Chief and comrades of my father, I don't know what to say to you today. I think you have an awful lot of courage. I think this is pretty warm weather that Indianapolis is serving up to us during this week. We haven't had much of it in our home State of Minnesota this summer. We have had a good deal of rain, but it has been cool.

Comrades, it is hard for me sometimes to stand before a group of comrades of the Grand Army. I was a great chum of my father's, and it brings back memories, of course. I think you are having a much better time in your lives in these later days. I think honestly you are an example to these other organizations, when we find the Grand Army at their advanced age making these long railroad trips, and so forth, to these encampments, and the reason that you come is because you enjoy them. If you did not you would not be here.

You know the commander in chief is just one of the handsomest men that you have had for a long while. It shows you he has got a good wife; he has a good helpmate.

Comrades, I don't know as there is much of anything I can add. I do expect to come to your convention with the greetings committee, and then I will have a message for you, but I don't know as there is anything further I can say today to this council of administration. I have to be very careful of what I say because I have my Comrade Perry here and if I don't say just the right thing he is going to tell me about it.

Commander in Chief GAY. I have had the same thing all along my journey. I expected to be behind the bars before this.

Mrs. Josephine Mahar, past national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. MAHAR. Comrade Gay, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, comrades of my father, I hardly know what to say to you after everyone else has had their say. I sanction everything that was said. We, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, are anxious to do all we can for you, and we want you to let us know, just as the Sons of Veterans want you to let them know, when you are in need, and we want to be a help to you.

We love you. That is needless to say. But we do love our Grand Army of the Republic, for if it was not for them, where would we be? So I just want you to remember that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic stand ready and willing at all times to be with you.

That is my commander, my department commander, sitting here in front, Comrade Osborn, who will, at his convention, celebrate his one hundredth birthday. He celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday when he was elected commander, the day he was installed; and we are looking forward to his convention next year when we can celebrate his one hundredth birthday at his convention. Thank you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Now I just want to say a word to you. I have traveled quite a few miles since last September and I have met with many of your organizations, and you are a wonderful group of ladies. I thought I knew something about the Grand Army of the Republic in years past and gone, but I find really that I am only just at the half-way mark at this moment. One thing that inspires me is because of your honesty. You organized for one specific purpose, and that was for the upkeeping of the Grand Army of the Republic, and you have nobly kept your vow. God bless you.

Now Mrs. Tucker, please.

Mrs. TUCKER. Commander in Chief Gay and the Grand Army of the Republic, and all present, there is nothing more that I can add to what has already been said than that, of course we all love you. I can only just add that as a Daughter of a Veteran, the Grand Army comes first, last, and always with us. Of course, the commander in chief comes from my State, belongs to my State department, and he also lives in the State of New Hampshire, where I was born. He belongs to the Massachusetts Department, my department, and he lives in New Hampshire, my native State. And, of course, we all love him in Massachusetts.

But my dearest love is to my commander in chief, Comrade Nixon.

I just want to bring my own greetings and tell you how much we will do as Daughters of Veterans—everything that is possible for us. We are not as young as we used to be, but we are willing to go on, and we will continue to keep your memory green before the world just as long as it is possible for any one of us to live. Thank you.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. Commander in Chief Gay, I would like to say a few words to Mattie Tucker. She was national president of the Daughters when I was commander in chief, and if she didn't do good work now I can commend her for what she did. I think a great deal of Mattie Tucker.

Commander in Chief GAY. Well now next on the line is Mrs. Gallagher, past national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans.

Mrs. GALLAGHER. Commander in Chief Gay, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and my mom, I am very happy to be here this afternoon to greet you once again. I have had the pleasure of being with you several times, although I am not of your official family, and we have always had a nice, pleasant time.

I just want to say to you, as my commander in chief has said, and also my national president, that the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons are always in back of the Grand Army 100 percent. The Lord says, "Ask and ye shall receive." That applies to every one of your allied organizations. All the Grand Army has to do is ask them and they will give to you as much as they possibly can. They will try to grant everything and every wish that you would ask of them. And I hope that the Grand Army will never hesitate to ask any help for whatever need they are in of their allied organizations.

Commander in Chief GAY. I thank you, and I thank you for giving me a little inspiration, which was this. You know I have a little hobby of my own. Perhaps I should not be so explicit. But we are going to have a campfire pretty soon, and now I expect when I check those there will be a check in there. You know I want these boys all to know that I have got a little more contribution in there than you ever had before, because if we don't get it I shall think I have not done my duty, and all that they have said of me and what I was, and I hope it never will happen. I was doing so well along the line, everything was beautiful, but it don't tally out. We haven't got it in the envelope, and I don't want to see my successor short. Everything is high. If you don't support this National we cannot exist, and I know you want to see these boys just as long as you can.

Mrs. GALLAGHER. Yes; we do; and I think your check will be all right tonight. You will be so tickled to death you won't know what to do.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I will have to say a few words to Clara Gallagher. She was president of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans under my administration. I am going to put my arms around her. We got along fine. I think a great deal of her and I always will.

Mrs. GALLAGHER. Yes, sir; and I always will of you.

Secretary FLOOD. I think Comrade Nixon is neglecting his duty. He has two girls from his official family of last year, and he has a boy that he is neglecting. I always stand up for the boys.

Mr. CRAIG. Yes.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I want to say a few words to him. You did fine. You pinned that badge on me. I'll always remember that. I have got it in my picture book.

Mr. CRAIG. Thank you, sir. That is very sweet of you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Is there anyone here in the audience or in this meeting that would like to come forward and say just a word? If so, you are welcome. We would love to have you.

Mr. CRAIG. How about some of these other comrades, Comrade Gay? I don't know, maybe they haven't much to suggest. Maybe they would like to make some remarks. We have made definite promises here as to what we want to do. Maybe they have something in addition to what you have suggested. Maybe they have some things they would like to suggest to the allied organizations as to what they feel we can do that we haven't done, and if there is anything that any of them have to say to us we would rather they would say it to us now before we open up our official encampments; and then if they have some suggestions the chances are that we will be able to bring these matters up in our conventions and discuss them and consider a policy of action.

Commander in Chief GAY. I want to say just one word to you. In my category the comrades come first. Never in my life have I gone back on my comrades. Now I am going to ask any comrade that would like to get up and say a word, to do so. We would be very happy to have you. I know this comrade over there will speak to us. Comrade Stritch, will you please come forward and give us a word of cheer?

Comrade STRITCH. I will come forward, but the Lord knows, I don't know what to say. My comrades and sisters of our order, at the present time we have a small representation of our order. But it

strikes me that the workers of our order are present. We have here a few in number; we have other comrades somewhere else. I was appointed on a committee of the Grand Army of the Republic which I could not fill because I was somewhere else. But those things occur and we cannot control them. Now at the present time we are not here to cry about our numbers getting smaller, or anything else. We will do just as we did in the Army—hold a stiff front and meet our enemies face to face, and that is what I know our boys in the Army today are doing. God bless them. May they succeed, and bad luck to Hitler. I am man enough to say that. I wish to God that I could meet him. I would tell him to his face, and so would you. I know you would.

Commander in Chief GAY. Now Comrade Nixon, will you give us just a word up here?

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. You comrades know that I am not very much of a speaker. I believe I can make you hear. I can come pretty near it anyhow. I am glad and very thankful that I am here today. I know that I have received a great many blessings, and I am thankful that my hearing is pretty good, and my voice is pretty good, and I am thankful always to be with you.

I really think now when I come to these national encampments they make me about a year or two younger. Nearly every time I feel better than I did when I left home, and I am glad to be here. If there is anything I can do for any of you comrades in any way I want to do it—to make you feel any better, why I want to do it. I believe that is all I have to say. I am not up for any office now. I have had the offices. I haven't got up here today to talk for any office.

Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you, Comrade Nixon. There is a comrade right here I would like to have say a few words.

Comrade OSBORN. Commander in Chief and comrades, I assure you that this a glorious opportunity that I have and possibly the last, but I am not here to deliver a speech. But I do want to compliment those that have been brought to this stand and delivered the beautiful talks and speeches that we have listened to. But it is a little matter of business with me.

I understand, I may be wrong, but this council of administration is not an executive body. This is a little matter of business with me. I am the commander, I am the adjutant. I am the quartermaster and the chaplain of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, Joplin, Mo. But I stand entirely alone, and the only Civil War veteran in Jasper County, and in that post room that was set apart and dedicated to the use of the Grand Army of the Republic is a beautiful flag. It was always on display at every occasion that was public. But that flag has not been unfurled now for 4 years, and I am in my one-hundredth year and I know that I am not long to stay here. The question comes in my mind, and I cannot get rid of it, What are you going to do with that flag?

I have always claimed, and I stand firm on that proposition, that the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War are our legitimate heirs. Am I right? That is all.

(The commander in chief talked with Comrade Osborn privately and told him the Grand Army has never named any heirs.)

Comrade NOLL. Nothing that I might say would induce me to come out and speak or say anything to you if it was not under the command of the commander in chief. I want to say, though, that I have

been in a peculiar situation all my life, nearly, in Iowa. My commander was not able to meet the boys at Davenport, so he sent me down there to represent him. I was sent up to Fort Dodge to represent the World boys, so I talked to the boys there. I have been sent out to represent the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Veterans, not to represent them but to speak to them. So I have tried to talk to each one of them, and I have had so many different ideas to express to the different ones that it is very difficult for me to expect to talk to you on any one subject now.

But I do appreciate what has been done for us. Probably there is no organization of ladies that has done so much for the Grand Army and for the people of the United States as the Woman's Relief Corps. There is not a town, nor a county, nor a State, or location in the United States but what has been touched and improved by their work. Even our hellhole down there in Georgia where they tried to kill off our boys in that prison, these women bought that piece of ground and have made it one of the most beautiful spots there is in Georgia. Georgia was ashamed of the place, and they even changed the name. And so there are hundreds of others of these things that they have done for us and for the country.

I don't suppose you will find a town in the State of Iowa, I know you cannot, without finding a plaque, or a flagpole, or a tree planted, or something of that kind, done in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic and to beautify the situation.

I better tell you one little story about a tree that they planted for me. It happened to be planted by the Junior Woman's Relief Corps, down in Fort Madison. They planted a tree there for me and put a marker at the bottom of the tree with my name engraved on it. Mrs. Kothe was at the head of the Relief Corps at that time, and she had charge of the dedication of that tree. Well, I asked the custodian of the State prison there how my tree was doing. "Oh, fine, fine." But I went down there after while and looked at it. The tree was growing beautifully, but the marker at the foot of it was gone. In its place were two new markers. They were marked by the same date that mine was, 1933. I am sorry to say that the markers were erected by some of the ladies of the Relief Corps, and that these two markers they put there in their place to dedicate. I suppose those people are not living now, but I don't know that they are. But anyhow that is gone and my marker is gone. Here I am without a marker.

I have been sent to different places for our commander because our commander was not very well—at Fort Dodge at one time, and the Governor was there, and he was to talk after I was, but he came to me and wanted to know if he could talk first. I said: "Yes; I don't care to take all the time. I don't care to talk at all." He talked a little while and then he called upon me to talk. I didn't know that I would ever get a chance to talk—just vociferous applause—though I came forward to talk. I said: "Boys, you will probably applaud me a good deal more before I speak than you will after." But they did pretty well anyhow. And I always had a very pleasant time in all of our meetings, both with the Ladies of the Grand Army, the ladies of the Relief Corps, and the Daughters of Veterans. I have often been sent in to give the greeting of the Grand Army to the Daughters of Veterans. At Pittsburgh there were three of us sent in to talk to those young ladies. We all had a few words to say. When we got through

—I was the last one called upon to speak—and the boy says, “I thought you could not talk”—after I got through.

Well, I cannot talk. I will just get up and try to say something. So I have not been called on very often in places to make speeches, and I never have before in the national encampment. So you will excuse me for saying anything that will be in any way interesting to you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Comrade, I think you have done wonderfully. We are glad to hear from you. Are there any other comrades who would like to say a word?

Comrade NOLL. I will say I was appointed to the position of judge advocate general by this gentleman here, our commander.

Comrade PERRY. Well, Mr. Commander, I had an incident coming down on the train. There was a young lady sitting across from me on the seat opposite me. She leaned over and she saw this button. I didn't have this badge on. I have got too much on anyway. But she saw that button and she said, “You are a northerner, aren't you?” “Yes,” I said, “I was.” She said, “You wasn't one of Sherman's men, were you?” “No,” I said, “I was not one of Sherman's men. But,” I said, “Sherman was colonel of my regiment before I joined it.” “Well,” she said, “we are all one now.” So didn't I swell up? I felt proud to think that that shot that was fired by the Japs went around the world and stirred the American people to realize that we are in war, and they don't know it today even—lots of them. No; they don't know it today. I am proud that I am an American and I can come here and say what I want to say without a bomb dropping on me.

I am not an orator, and I am not going to occupy your time, because you have got lots to do. I am going to thank you for the confidence you expressed in me when you invited me to be your chief of staff. Governor Stassen sent me a message congratulating me before I knew I was appointed by you. So I thank you.

Commander in Chief GAY. Just a moment here. Some way or other news travels, and some way, some time, the people that we really want find out what is going on. I am very proud to have had you with me. God bless you.

Secretary FLOOD. There is another meeting in this room here in 5 minutes.

Comrade MYERS. Comrades, as I came down this afternoon with Comrade Skinner, with whom I have been associated for a number of years, and whom I believe to be a very accomplished gentleman—I see he is not here, and of course I am talking behind his back and I don't want to slander him—it seemed to me surprising that there was so good a turn-out. I was at the meeting a year ago. I remember there was quite a good representation. But I wonder if all present are members of the committee. It don't make any difference, as far as I am concerned. The committee don't claim any superior intelligence or acquaintance with the interests of the association.

I am certainly delighted to see such a good turn-out, and I hope there will be a pleasant meeting all through the sessions that are about to commence.

In my heart I do not hold any enmity at all against our late adversaries. I put in 3 full years in the service from 1862 to 1865. My brother put in over 4 years. So that we are pretty sound on the patri-

otic side of the question. But I do not feel any hostility toward our friends of the South.

I remember when we had that meeting in Gettysburg, or reunion there on the seventy-fifth anniversary, we got to talking to some of them and found that they were members of the Southern Methodist Church, while I had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 75 years. I think that religion and patriotism go together very well. I have been acting as chaplain of the Department of Illinois for 2 or 3 years, and I have got a confession to make. I never really acted at a funeral service, so you can know I am one of the derelicts.

I hope that the meeting will be harmonious, we will all agree, and everything will pass off pleasantly, and that you may have many more. I don't expect to ever attend another meeting of the national encampment. I pray God's blessing on you, and that the last man that represents the Grand Army of the Republic will be one who will recognize that we ought to render unto God the things that belong to Him as well as those things that belong to humanity.

Secretary FLOOD. This comrade will be 101 in about 2 weeks.

Commander in Chief GAY. I don't know as we have any more time. It is about time for another meeting to be held in here. So, comrades, you will pardon me if I don't call on every one of you. If I did I would be late in our next meeting.

Secretary FLOOD. The department commander, or his representative, of each department will remain for the meeting with Comrade Perry in regard to the parade.

Commander in Chief GAY. I now declare this meeting closed.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD IN THE RILEY ROOM OF THE
CLAYPOOL HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17, 1942**

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief in the Riley Room of Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., Thursday, September 17, 1942. The meeting was called to order by the commander in chief at 2:43 p. m., and upon roll call the following members responded:

Commander in Chief J. S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Isaac W. Sharp, Warsaw, Ind.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Charles H. Perry, Minneapolis, Minn.

Chaplain in Chief Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

Judge Advocate General T. J. Noll, Des Moines, Iowa.

Comrade Oliver H. Castle, of California and Nevada.

Comrade Truman N. Parsons, of Connecticut.

Comrade Milton Myers, of Illinois.

Comrade William W. Nixon, of Kansas.

Comrade George H. Jones, of Maine.

Comrade George A. Gay, of Massachusetts.

Comrade William H. Osborn, of Missouri.

Comrade T. A. Penland, of Oregon.

Comrade Ira Stormes, of Utah.

There were also present the secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, of Massachusetts, and the following representatives of the Auxiliary and allied orders:

Woman's Relief Corps: Mrs. May L. Luchsinger, national president, and Mrs. Louise Haider, national president-elect.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, national president, and Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, past national president.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Mrs. Erma H. Chaplin, national president, and Mrs. Mattie R. Tucker, past national president.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Henry Towle, commander in chief, and Albert C. Lambert, past commander in chief.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Mrs. Mary E. Stapleton, national president, and Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, past national president.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Come to order. Comrades, this is the council of administration, our first session. We have come to transact whatever business may be necessary to be taken care of at the present time. We will open this meeting by being led in prayer by our chaplain.

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, we come into Thy presence with reverence and gratitude in our hearts. We thank Thee for the opportunity of meeting together in Christian fellowship. We pray that Thou wilt be with us in our deliberations. Give us direction and be with us, each one of us. Go with us to our homes. Bless us and bless our loved ones. We ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. We welcome the representatives of the allied orders who are now present with us.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, do you want to hear from your visitors before you take up your budget?

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Yes; we will do that now.

Secretary FLOOD. The first lady is Mrs. May Luchsinger, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. We are very glad we have the presence of these representatives, men and women, of our allied orders and know they are interested in us.

Mrs. LUCHSINGER. Commander in Chief and comrades, it is always a pleasure of course to come with the comrades, and this past year I worked with your commander in chief and your allied organizations all during the year, and it has been a pleasure and an inspiration. And I want you to know that even if I am going out of office as national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, I still pledge to you, commander in chief, just as much service as I have given to the old.

I thank you, and this is our incoming national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Mrs. Louise Haider, of Santa Barbara.

Mrs. HAIDER. Comrade commander in chief, Comrade Dumser: Comrade Dumser means so much to me because he is from my department and I know him better. I am sure that if we had a measuring stick for the Grand Army of the Republic those measuring sticks would vary in size, and in quality perhaps. There would be very little difference. But the one difference is some people we know better than we do others, and those of us in California know Comrade Dumser so well we are very happy that he is commander.

And speaking for the Woman's Relief Corps this year I just pledge to you anything that is desired, that is required. We shall do our very best to meet those responsibilities, as we have in the past, and I pledge you for our organization our wholehearted support and wish for you health and success.

I might add that you can be an inspiration for these young boys. At our convention in Hollywood, Calif., we had 15 comrades at the banquet. They all sat at the head table. We had young high-school boys over on the side. May Luchsinger, as these comrades were introduced, gave his age and rank. I was watching the faces of these high-school boys. So in my remarks when I was called upon I had very little more to say. They came down the line and by the time each one said something, I didn't want to repeat.

I turned my remarks to those young boys to you men for an inspiration. It was the way you lived and the way you carried on, not the hardships that you avoided. We are in a dreadful war at present, but those of you who went through the Civil War have many sad tales

to tell. You didn't have the medical attention that they have today. So it was the way you lived through your life and the way God blessed you that He kept you with us so long. And I said to those boys that if you live a good life and if you follow in the footsteps of these men you need have no fear of war. When you are grown and when you are aged like these men, just think of all these women's organizations that love you and make over you, where now you can have just one girl. So it was an inspiration to see those young faces.

I dare say that many a high-school student of today does not know who the Grand Army are. Our American history has been shelved in so many schools, and now that patriotism is awakened it is too bad we must pay this terrible price. I think as far as patriotism is concerned it has aroused the country and we will perhaps never lose touch with it again.

Thank you, comrades, and God bless you. I hope you will all be with us next year.

Secretary FLOOD. The national president of the Ladies, Miss Smith.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. I am happy to introduce to you Miss Smith, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Miss SMITH. Commander in Chief and comrades, I am very happy to be with you today, and I want to thank you for allowing me to come before you and bring my greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to pledge to you in the name of the new national president our support today, as in the past, and let you know that we will do what you ask and do what you want, and ever preserve your memory and your deeds of valor, and our boys and girls in the schools shall know who the Grand Army are and what they have done for this country. I thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. The national president of the Daughters of Veterans, Mrs. Chaplin.

Mrs. CHAPLIN. Comrade Dumser and comrades of the National Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, I come to you again to represent your Daughters. I know every comrade here that has a daughter loves her, and I am sure that you love your Daughters as we do you.

I want to thank you for all you have done for us, for the heritage you have given us, and for just everything we have we owe to our fathers.

And now I pledge to you the allegiance and the loyalty of the Daughters for the coming year. We will do just as we have in the past, and we will try to do a little better. We will just do all we possibly can.

Personally I want to thank you for electing Comrade Dumser of California, because Comrade Dumser is the daddy of my tent of Daughters. I have known him for many, many years, and I am deeply appreciative of the fact that we are to have the honor of having your commander in chief with us next year.

Comrades, that is all I can say. You have our whole loyalty and our support. Whenever you need anything all you need to do is to call on your Daughters, Daddy Dumser.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. That was splendidly said. You go beyond your limit almost in your contributions of all kinds. I might say that in addition to the splendid gift the Daughters have made to

us for our work this year they are also in our department paying for a \$1,700 ambulance to be turned over to the Red Cross for service.

Secretary FLOOD. The commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, Albert C. Lambert.

Mr. LAMBERT. Commander in Chief Dumser; my commander in Chief, Brother Gay, I say that because it is Brother Gay. He is a member of my organization; Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic; Miss Flood, national secretary:

I am not the commander in chief of the Sons any longer. I was relieved of that duty about 2 hours ago. What can I say to you men that has not already been said? I would like to leave this thought, that we are better Sons because of our meeting with you this year. My term of office as commander in chief has expired. I have done everything that I could possibly do to have my organization perform in the manner that you would want it to have, and I trust that it has met with your expectations.

Really what I am here for today is to present to you my successor, the man whom we elected and installed as commander in chief of the Sons this morning; and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you Mr. Henry Towle, of Portland, Maine, commander in chief of the Sons.

Mr. TOWLE. Commander in Chief, comrades of my father and also of my grandfather, I have a distinct honor in coming to you today as commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We know what you expect of us and we will do our utmost to carry out what you expect, so you will not be disappointed and disgusted with us. [Applause.]

Secretary FLOOD. Now Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, who, I believe, is still the national president of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. This is her swan song.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Commander in Chief, my Commander in Chief, Comrade Gay, comrades of the Grand Army, national officers, Miss Flood, I am no longer the national president of the Auxiliary, but I still have an hour or two to complete the duties of my office. However, I would like at this time to extend the appreciation of our organization to the Grand Army of the Republic for all they have done for us. We have been inspired at all the meetings we have attended. We assure you we will continue to do all we possibly can for you, and anything you wish done we are ready to be at your service.

We have had a very delightful time in Indianapolis.

And to Comrade Dumser, we wish for you and your newly elected officers the most prosperous and successful year.

I am happy at the present time to present to you the new president-elect of the Auxiliary, Mary E. Stapleton, of Utica, N. Y.

Mrs. STAPLETON. My Commander in Chief of the Grand Army, comrades of my grandfather, and the heads of allied organizations, may I extend my personal greetings to you as the newly elected president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and pledge the support both of myself and my organization to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the allied orders.

We wish for the Grand Army of the Republic God's will that they may have good health, that they may carry on for many, many years to come, and God's choicest blessings be with you. We hope that God

will spare you to be with us at our next convention, and also that we will soon be out of this terrible difficulty that our country is in today.

Secretary FLOOD. Now we have the national president of the Daughters of last year, Mrs. Mattie Tucker.

Mrs. TUCKER. Commander in Chief Dumser, my own commander in chief of last year, my neighbor down here, Past Commander in Chief Gay, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, heads of the allied orders, and Kittie Flood, I just want to say to you that I guess I came as sort of a bodyguard for my national president. I was here last year as past national president, but we lost our president last year and so I came as a sort of guard with Erma Chaplin, our national president. She is so little and I am so big that perhaps that was the protection that I felt that I should give to her.

But, comrades, it is a very great privilege to come into your meeting again, and I am very, very pleased to do so. I want to extend to you my own personal greetings and my love, and the fact that I have always been and always shall be very, very proud of my heritage. May God bless you, comrades, one and all. I hope I may see you again next year. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. Now, Commander in Chief, you have the matter of your budget. This last year, for the first time, we kept within the budget, with all of the extra expense that was caused by the moving of the headquarters into Springfield and back to Boston and back here, and the necessary trip I had to make back to consult with Commander in Chief Gay. In 1932 the Grand Army went on a budget, but unfortunately they did not balance their books before they started and we have been finishing every year since then a little bit behind, but catching up; and this year when we have paid the expenses of this administration I think we are going to have between \$100 and \$200 left of the budget allowed us. You don't know how happy that makes me, because I have tried so hard to get it into that state. It has worried me to start each year having borrowed some money from the incoming administration to close the books. This year I don't think we are going to need any of the money that was given the other night to close our books, and I am truly happy over that.

Now, Commander in Chief, it is customary to set the budget, the amount which must cover all of the expenses for the year. We know that everything has gone up. Your railroad fares have gone up 10 percent, and 5 percent tax. And now they are talking about making it a 20 percent increase in railroad fares—at least by November. You must also take into consideration in making your maximum amount of money available the fact that supplies and everything else are going to cost more money. If you ask me, I don't think you should reduce the amount of the budget that was allowed last year. I do believe we can go through the year on less than \$5,500, but I do not think you should make it less because it is a terrible thing to feel you have been given a certain amount of money and expenses came up in the office that made you spend more. Because there is always the feeling that it is not my money but somebody else's and I may eventually have to foot those bills if I spend it, and I don't think I should be placed in that position.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Before we take that matter up, Daughter Secretary, I am wondering whether our visiting members

are able to stay here with us during our session, or whether they will have to return.

Secretary FLOOD. They are interested in this budget, since they help contribute.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. That is right. I was simply wondering whether Sister Erma could remain.

Mrs. CHAPLIN. I will wait a few moments.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Then very well. You have heard our secretary's statement, comrades, and the matter is before you.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief, I move that an appropriation be made to take care of the expenses as suggested by our Secretary.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I second the motion.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. That the same amount be reappropriated to meet those expenses. Will that be sufficient?

Secretary FLOOD. I am sure that \$5,500 will cover it. We came through this year and I think we are going to close our books, having spent about \$5,300 with all of the extraordinary expenses that came up last year, which I don't anticipate we will have this year.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I think it runs so near the amount that a hundred dollars at least could be added to the \$300 that previously had been reported. I move that the amount be added to the appropriation.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Well, comrades, I wonder in the event that we find that everything is still rising, whether we will find ourselves after having made this provision sufficiently supplied with funds to keep our administration through the year in a healthy, working condition.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Rownd, do you mean to add the \$100 to the \$53 we spent or to the \$55 we could spend?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. To the \$5,500 we could spend.

Secretary FLOOD. Making it \$5,600.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. You comrades understand that this administration is not going to waste any money anywhere. It is our purpose to do whatever we wish to do with what we have, but to do efficient work and do it as one would do it with his own money, and if anything, be more careful with what has been entrusted to us and that which has been budgeted to us than we would with our own money. Any remarks? The motion is before you. It is seconded. Any remarks? (Calls for the question.) The question is called for. Are you ready to vote? Those favoring the motion please say "Aye." If any oppose it, say "No." (Motion carried.)

Secretary FLOOD. I am afraid they don't understand. Comrades, the motion was to appropriate \$5,600 as the maximum amount to be spent this year. The motion was to accept that motion, and I don't believe you all knew what you were voting on because you didn't vote. When it comes to money I like to see you vote. The commander wants all those in favor of \$5,600 as the budget to raise their hands. Anyone opposed?

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Down hands. Those opposing the motion manifest it by the uplifted hand. I see none. The motion prevails. It is so ordered.

Secretary FLOOD. Now, commander in chief, it is customary to allow a certain amount of money for your traveling and an amount

for the salary of the adjutant general, which is usually a hundred dollars, and for the quartermaster general, a hundred dollars, and for my salary—which to me is quite important.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Shall we take up your salary first?

Secretary FLOOD. Why not start with your traveling?

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Very well. What is your pleasure, comrades?

Secretary FLOOD. I want to say that this past year the traveling amount was increased \$200. It had been for 4 years \$800, and last year because the commander expected, of course, to take Mrs. Gay with him, they increased it to a thousand dollars. Now, it is my opinion, with the increase in railroad transportation and the anticipated further increase, that your commander should not have less than that amount of money. You remember he does not get it unless he spends it.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. We are ready for a motion.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I move that our national commander have a thousand dollars. (Seconded by Past Commander in Chief Rownd.)

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Comrade Rownd seconds it.. The question is before you. It has been moved by Comrade Past Commander in Chief Nixon and seconded by Past Commander in Chief, now National Chaplain, Comrade Rownd that the commander in chief be allowed \$1,000—no more—for travel expense.

Secretary FLOOD. I don't think you want to put that motion. You better let your senior vice put it.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Comrade Sharp can come up here.

Secretary FLOOD. The motion was made that the commander in chief be allowed \$1,000 for traveling, so you ask for all those in favor to indicate it.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief SHARP (in the chair). Comrades, you have heard the motion. You understand it? All who are in favor of the motion raise their right hands. Any who are opposed? No opposition. It is carried.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Commander in Chief, if I may be in order, and of course I don't intend to be personal by any manner of means, but does that just embody the one person or two?

Secretary FLOOD. That is for him to use for travel wherever he goes, whether he is alone or someone with him.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. That is something like it, because you see you will have just about \$500, so that you can go a great deal further.

Secretary FLOOD. He will have a thousand dollars. He has a daughter who will probably travel with him, and she travels on a pass.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I didn't know if it was two or one. I just asked for information. That is all.

Secretary FLOOD. The next are your salaries.

Commander in Chief DUMSER (resuming the chair). Salary for our beloved secretary, Miss Katherine R. A. Flood. She has been getting \$150 a month; that is correct, is it?

Secretary FLOOD. Yes.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. It seems to me with the conditions as they are now that we ought to increase that somewhat. Perhaps you want to discuss that a little bit, I don't know. It seems to me that

we ought to raise that to \$2,100 from \$1,800. That is a matter for you to determine, and that question is before you. I would like to hear from you.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Commander in Chief I move that \$300 be added to the \$1,800, making the salary \$2,100.

Secretary FLOOD. May I speak?

Commander in Chief DUMSER. You certainly may, Daughter.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, I appreciate that. I would just prefer that you do not increase my salary, but if you wish to allow me a certain amount a month if needed—if the high rate of living proves to be beyond what I can pay, that I be allowed that extra expense. But I prefer not to have you raise my salary. If I find under the present conditions, where defense workers are taking everything with their high salaries, that I cannot live within my salary, if you allow me \$25 a month if needed to cover the necessary increased costs of living, I will be glad to accept that and take it if I need it. But I prefer that you do not increase my salary. If I find I need that I will be glad to take it. If I don't need it, I won't.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I will put the motion in this form, that the salary be fixed at \$1,800, and that \$300 be added to that, but not to be considered as salary—additional.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Now, it is before you. Is there a second to that? If I understand it correctly the salary at her request be made \$1,800; \$300 to be added, \$25 a month, if she finds that she needs it in order to meet added cost of living. Any further remarks? Do I hear you call for the question? (Question called for.) Those favoring the motion please manifest it by the uplifted hand. Down hands. Those opposing the motion will signify it with the uplifted hand. The motion is carried unanimously.

Secretary FLOOD. Now, Commander in Chief, it has been customary the last 4 or 5 years to allow a hundred dollars to the quartermaster general to pay someone to keep the books and send out the supplies, and a hundred to the adjutant general.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Very well. There is no reason why that should be reduced. Do I hear a motion to cover this added item? That completes the salaries, doesn't it, Daughter?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I regret exceedingly to have to be making all these motions. But no others here seem to be interested enough to make motions, and I make that motion. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief DUMSER. The motion has been made and seconded that these officers be allowed the amounts now stated for the ensuing year. Are there any further remarks to be made? Any suggestions? Are you ready for the question? [Calls for the question.] Those favoring it please manifest it with the uplifted hand, if you favor it.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Is there any allowance made for the traveling expense or salary for the chaplain in chief?

Secretary FLOOD. No. Commander in Chief, in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic there has been no allowance made for salary for the chaplain in chief, or for expenses of travel. It has never been done, even when they had to make a report which stated the reports for 46 departments. I have looked back through the records and I find no allowance made for anyone's traveling except the traveling of the commander in chief during the year, the travel of

the secretary when ordered by the commander in chief, the members of the executive committee when they are called during the year to arrange for the encampment, and for the secretary, adjutant general, and quartermaster general to the national encampment. And that is a vote of the national encampment.

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. My dear brothers and sisters and comrades, I am in the service of the Lord, and I will serve Him to the best of my ability and pray for the welfare and the good wishes and the happiness and the prosperity and the comfort of everyone of you. The Lord bless you all.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Those favoring this motion that these officers named be allowed the sums that they have received heretofore—the question has been called for—manifest it by the uplifted hand. Down hands. Again, any opposing it. I see no uplifted hand now and declare the motion carried and the allowance made. It is so ordered.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, I seem to be doing as much talking as you do. Your national representatives for the coming year are here, and those of the past year, and I am wondering whether they would not like to tell you or you would not want to know how they feel about your budget for the year. They give us the money to spend, and I think that should have consideration from them. Even if action has been taken, it is never too late to change it.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. That was in my mind. Now if anyone of those interested would like to speak to this question from either angle, we would be awfully glad to hear from you.

Mrs. LUCHSINGER. I think you have a very conservative budget. If you keep within that this coming year, I think you will do remarkably well.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. I think, comrades, it is a fine thing to get an expression from those who are furnishing the sinews of war. They make these magnificent contributions, and we are glad to have them hear what we are doing, and glad to hear from them as to whether they agree with what is being done.

Miss SMITH. Commander in Chief, and my dear comrades, we heartily approve of this budget. We make you this gift to use as you see fit, and what you want to do with it pleases us. Anything you want to spend it for is all right with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. HAIDER. Commander in Chief, far be it from me to even suggest what your budget should be. If you feel that you can carry on your work with the amount allowed, I am certainly heartily in favor of it. I believe that your work must be carried on, and the money will get there eventually. I know it will.

Mrs. CHAPLIN. Commander in Chief, I just voice the sentiment that has already been expressed. Whatever your wishes are, we think is all right for the Daughters. I think that is a most conservative budget.

Mr. LAMBERT. I will speak for our commander in chief inasmuch as it was during my year that this appropriation was made. I say blessings unto you. Amen. Everything you do is 100 percent.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Commander in Chief, I heartily approve your budget. When we give you our gift it is a loving gift and no strings attached. You may spend it as you see fit.

Secretary FLOOD. It has been said to me, "Why do you spend this money? You don't have so many members."

I would like to say that we have now 29 active departments with headquarters. We have to print for them. We have many members at large. We have to print very nearly as many general orders, because every member at large gets a copy of our general orders. That was one reason we insisted on raising the per capita tax to a dollar. The departments were getting our orders, but we were paying for printing them.

And we have continually at our headquarters letters every single day. We get as many as 40 or 50 in a week from people trying to prove their citizenship because the father or the grandfather served in the Civil War. There seems to be a feeling that the record is in our office with the name of the comrade's mother and father and where they came from, and who he married, and all of his children. And I am happy to say that I have been able in nearly every case, through many different ways, to help most of these people prove their citizenship, that they might get the position in the United States Government that they needed, or they might get the relief which they needed so badly.

We are finding this last summer an increased interest in eligibility from the children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren, and those letters come to our office. I cannot say to them "That is not my business," because they are children of your comrades, and I do my best to get that record. Sometimes it is pretty hard to trace it. They don't even know where the grandfather or great-grandfather lived. They don't know where he was from. They don't know where he enlisted. He might live in any one of 10 or 15 places. But I wrote those 10 or 15 places and I think there are only two cases where I have not been able to prove the comrade's right to wear your button were he living.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Now have we heard from all the representatives present?

Secretary FLOOD. Mrs. Frances Kuhns, past national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. KUHNS. I am only with the president. Commander in Chief, Past Commander in Chief, comrades, and Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, everything has been said that I really could say. I am only here with the national president, and we are in the midst of our election. I know that she has much to do. I am not going to take the time to make a speech, but I am going to pay a tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic in these few words:

You may talk about your Masons and your Odd Fellows and such,
You may call them so fraternal as to fairly beat the Dutch;
You may praise them if you choose to, with their mystic rites and noise,
But they cannot hold a candle to
Our Old Grand Army Boys.

You may talk about the badges, but the one that has the call
Is the Star, the Flag, the Eagle. That is far above them all.
It was when battles thundered and through the crash and noise.
No, there's nothing holds a candle to
Our Old Grand Army Boys.

Are they fraternal? Well, I reckon, and their charity's all right.
Are they loyal? They have proved it, through many a bitter fight.
So this Nation owes them homage for the Peace we now enjoy.
No, no, no, there is nothing holds a candle to
Our Old Grand Army Boys.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, I have just admitted to the meeting the national press correspondent of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who has a presentation to make to Past Commander in Chief Gay.

Mrs. S. EUGENIE CAROTHERS, Washington, Pa. Commander in Chief Dumser, I congratulate you. Members of the Grand Army, I have a little presentation here to Past Commander in Chief Gay. You may have noticed in the last issue of the National Tribune that your picture was in the cartoon.

• Past Commander in Chief GAY. It is rather old.

Mrs. CAROTHERS. You may have noticed that. This is the original copy autographed by the author of the cartoon.

This is presented to you from the National Tribune, with the letter from the vice president which I will read, with your permission:

DEAR COMRADE COMMANDER: For the past 76 years our comrades of the Grand Army have been convening annually to discuss matters of organization importance and to publicly express their wishes relative to those larger problems of government in which your past leadership has played so important a part.

It would be presumptuous for us to review to you the vast influence you have had in molding and in guaranteeing the privileges and comforts our people now enjoy. Every thinking American knows the story in minutest detail. We refer to the system you and your comrades have preserved to us as the American way of life. It has become a fixed part of our national existence. No enemy, be he knocking at our gates or be he harbored within our midst, shall be permitted to destroy those principles for which freemen have bled and died. That is the important thing before us now.

In the nature of things our comrades of 1861-65 cannot be expected to meet together much longer in annual convention. We have attempted, however feebly, to express ourselves on this subject in our issue of September 10 which is dedicated to you. Therein, we have publicly made our pledge that those who succeed you in service to the Nation will fight to the death any effort to tear down that which you have builded. Your way of life shall not die.

On this your seventy-sixth anniversary gathering, Comrade Commander, the National Tribune is presenting to you through one of your Daughters our artist's sketch of a fighting leader. We hope you will like it. With it go affectionate greetings to you and to those who meet with you. Please accept our expressions of gratitude for a long and happy association with the splendid men and women who have kept our Nation whole and wholesome.

Sincerely yours in comradeship,

E. K. INMAN, *Vice President.*

Commander in Chief DUMSER. We are sorry that our visitors have gone without form. I had hoped we would stand for a few moments and sing Blest Be the Tie That Binds, and be dismissed in an orderly way.

I want to say a final word, how happy we are that you have been with us this afternoon and counseled with you, so that you know just what we are doing. The cards are on the table. You have had a chance to see what is done with the money that you have been contributing; what it is used for. We thank you with all our hearts.

Secretary FLOOD. I don't think there is any other business, Comrade Dumser.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. As a matter of courtesy, don't you think we ought to take up that matter?

Secretary FLOOD. I asked the national president about it, and she preferred that you take it and lay it over and report next year to the encampment and let the encampment act. I told that to Miss Smith, that the committee had not had time, and she said it will be all right next encampment. If you are ready then, take it up before the encampment and report.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I would like to ask a question, and that is the question of where we are going next year. Is that to be referred to the executive committee?

Secretary FLOOD. They so voted yesterday.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. It will have to be for the time being.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief—can you comrades hear me?—there has been a suggestion that possibly California would invite you to come there, and I think your commander in chief would like an expression from those here as to what they think about going clear across the country instead of holding it in the center. He would like something to back him up when the time comes.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. I certainly would. I would like to know what your wishes are.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I will tell you, at this day at our age I don't think we should go to either coast. I think we should meet some place in the center. That is the way I feel about it.

Secretary FLOOD. The Government does not want you to meet on the coast, either side, during the war. I know that. Comrade Jones, what do you think about going to California?

Comrade JONES. I think it is too far away.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Osborn?

Comrade OSBORN. Dear heart, I can truthfully say that I think it would be a grand imposition to saddle the next convention on these old comrades here to have to pay the price to cross this Continent to get to a city to hold that convention. I am like the balance, I am for the center. That is the only thing that is absolutely fair and just. I want to say this, that the members of the Grand Army of the Republic are the Grand Army of the Republic. This is our convention; it is our work; we are here to transact business for the Grand Army of the Republic—

Commander in Chief DUMSER. That is enough, Comrade.

Comrade OSBORN. While in session, and can be made to understand what is being said and done. That is the proper and right thing that should be done.

Secretary FLOOD. Your commander in chief is from California and if there should be an invitation from there he wanted to know how his comrades felt, so that he would not be in the position of turning his State down. What do you think about it?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. In a sense it is rather an intricate question. There are several things that should be thought of. My idea would be simply this: My first consideration would be, would there be advantages if we did accept that invitation if we got one, because of these comrades? We are not getting any too large a percent according to our organization, but the incentive seems to be all around, the comrades just the same as the commander in chief. They will want to see you. Well, you are there, but they will want to see the comrades. Well, now, they are not as young as they used to be. You will acknowledge that with me.

Well, there is really another consideration. That consideration is this: Would it be advantageous at this stage, that is, I am speaking of the war, for us to go over there and take the risk? Several things to be thought of. But my idea is simply this. I don't say—can you hear me?

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Of course.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. But I am in favor of it, and I am not.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. That is on the point.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. On these considerations. But whatever you comrades want to do. You understand the motion and what it is up to. I would like very much myself to go over into California, and I would do it if you voted to go there and I was alive and able to do it. But if I was your commander in chief this moment I would demand a full consideration from you comrades. Let him know just what you want to do.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. We are getting a little.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. No, he won't know if you don't express yourselves. That is all I have to say.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Perry, they are discussing whether you think we should go to California if we have an invitation, or whether they should stay in the center of the country.

Comrade PERRY. I think if we have an invitation in the center of the country it would be more favorable to the Grand Army body than to go to California. While I would like to go there I think it is a good long trip for a lot of these boys.

Comrade PENLAND. Commander in Chief, I live in Portland, Oreg. If I had my choice I would put it near the center of the States. When they voted to go to Hollywood there was quite a number of the boys told me they would not go if they put it away off there in the corner. I prefer near the center.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Myers, do you think we should hold the encampment in California or in the center of the country?

Comrade MYERS. In the center of the country.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Parsons, the center or California?

Comrade PARSONS. I think our convention hereafter should be held in Springfield, Ill.

Secretary FLOOD. They have no money any more, and there is no room to be had in the city, with all of the munition factories they have built.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. I want to express my sentiments. Physically I am perhaps in as good shape as any of the men here, but under no consideration would I ever think of going to California, and nobody over 90 should think about a trip of that kind. I am for the center part of the Nation.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. That is right.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Sharp.

Comrade SHARP. I feel we ought to divide it and put it as near the center as we can get. Only a few can go anyhow, either way. Some can go halfway that could not go all the way.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Noll, do you want to go to California or stay in the center of the country?

Comrade NOLL. I would go to California, but I am not in favor of voting to go to California.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. That is alright. Now we have had a canvass of the matter in this question.

Comrade NOLL. I am not thinking of that. We have five or six adjuncts and each one of them have elected officers in California.

Secretary FLOOD. Three.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. That is very well. We had this subject canvassed by representatives, and nearly all our bodies have been opposed. I am free to tell you that I am not for going to California or the Atlantic coast either. I think the Middle West is the place. The more central it can be made, if we can get invitations, the better it is. But I believe in the equal haul and the short haul. Personally I have spent \$3,500 to \$4,000 since I have been in California going on the long haul. We people are coming without complaint. But I think we ought to begin holding this right in the center of the Nation, not to either extreme.

I wanted this expression simply so I may know when they speak to me about it that it is the feeling of those who represented the organizations here today and this council of administration that we better adhere to this rule that we have our national encampments in the center of the Nation. That closes that matter.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in chief, the cars to take the comrades and their escorts out to the fair ground to the band concert will be out on Washington Street at 7:15. They will drive you right up to your seats. And the comrades, and the lady who is with the comrade, or the gentleman, will be seated in a box. The commander in chief and his officers will have a box for themselves next to the Governor, and all of the other comrades will be on his right in boxes. You will be driven right to them to get out of the car. But you must be out here at 7:15 because it takes 35 minutes with the crowded streets to drive out there. At 7:15, where you met yesterday morning for the parade. The cars will bring you back right after the concert.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Very well.

Past Commander in Chief NIXON. I would like to ask, how long will we be out there?

Secretary FLOOD. It is an hour's concert. The Marine Band begins on time, if they don't have but one in the audience, and they close on time. That is their training. They will begin at 8 and close at 9.

I want to say to the comrades that tomorrow morning at 10:30 the band is coming into the lobby to play for Commander in Chief Gay and Commander in Chief Dumser, so if you comrades are around you will hear it.

There is no other business.

Commander in Chief DUMSER. Fine. There being no further business, I want to express my thanks to you for the interest that you have shown in what we have done this afternoon. I think we have wasted no time, and I am glad that we have had these representatives of the other organizations here and have gained their approval and they know exactly what we are going to do.

Now we are ready and we will have the benediction by our chaplain and be dismissed. I thank you all for your attention and your interest. Rise, please.

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. We pray, dear Heavenly Father, for Thy love and Thy mercy, and Thy great loving kindness. Be with us on our way home and be with us all through the year, that we may meet together again next year. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen. (Meeting closed at 3:45 p. m.)

MEMORIAL SERVICES
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**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES IN ENGLISH THEATER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER
13, 1942, 8 P. M.**

Hon. Mark R. Gray, chairman entertainment committee, presiding.
(Music, United States Marine Band, Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader.)

Chairman GRAY. Veterans of the Civil War, members of allied organizations, we have met tonight for the purpose of giving tribute to those who have passed to the great beyond during the past year. We are sure they hear us and are in concert with us.

This will be a full program tonight, but let me just say a word of thanks to those who have made this night possible. Mrs. Bessie Hart and Mr. Frank Mumford, of this city, compose the committee in charge of this memorial service. If it is good they deserve the acclaim. If it is bad, then blame it all on your chairman and secretary.

It is a fitting thing to thank Mrs. Hoster and Mrs. Hahn for a delightful flag presentation at the servicemen's center. This was the first public event of this great encampment. The reception at Fort Friendly later in the afternoon was staged in a masterful manner, and those who were responsible deserve great credit.

This program cannot last long, as several organizations are to have meetings at 9:30 this evening. Therefore we will follow the program as printed and receive with appreciation selections played by the United States Marine Band, Capt. William F. Santelmann, leading.
(Selection, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman GRAY. The invocation will be given by the Reverend Albert V. Deery, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

Rev. Mr. DEERY. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, creator of heaven and earth, behold us, thy humble servants, assembled tonight in an hour when the whole world has become a battlefield. We adore Thy infinite majesty and acknowledge our complete dependence upon Thy goodness and mercy. Inspire us now, as we inaugurate the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, with this inspiring memorial service.

For the gallant soldier dead, the drums of war will roll no more. Their tattered flags of victory are forever furled. They are now bivouacked on "fame's eternal camping ground." It is for us, the living to keep faith with them and so prove that they had not died in vain. This, before God, we shall do.

The "land of the free and the home of the brave" is now at battle. We did not start this battle, but, please God, we shall end this battle, decisively, honorably, and triumphantly. Make us strong, O God of nations, a real United States, marching on to victory.

May our power and unity, with Thy heavenly aid, establish permanently a world peace in justice and charity.

Unto Thee, O eternal God, we pray and ask Thy divine help through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

(Anthem, Praise the Lord, Order of Eastern Star chorus.)

Chairman GRAY. We thank the Order of Eastern Star chorus, and we will have them again with us presently.

We now come to that part of the program which has to do with the placing of flowers in memory of the departed ones.

(Floral tributes were then placed on the easel by the following officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations, which, when all were placed, formed the letter V in white on a green background:)

George A. Gay, commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. May L. Luchsinger, national president, Woman's Relief Corps.

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Erma H. Chaplin, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Albert C. Lambert, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(Selection, United States Marine Band.)

(Twenty-third Psalm, Order of Eastern Star chorus.)

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, ladies. I know that we are all appreciative of the very fine part you have taken here during this memorial service this evening.

We will now have the memorial address by the pastor of the Central Avenue Methodist Church, Rev. F. Marion Smith.

Rev. Mr. SMITH. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commander, honored guests of the city of Indianapolis, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and friends, the man who has lost his past is a tragic figure. The nation that does not refresh its memories has lost the stuff of which vision is made. Without memorials the nation perishes. Men use their memories as bricks with which to build their house of hope. They can look forward because they can look backward. The man who has lost his past becomes a vague and pathetic shadow, scarcely even a person. Because he has no memories, he has no certain hopes. Memory is much of the stuff of which our lives are made.

If the man who has lost his past is the veritable, visible essence of failure, the nation which has lost its past represents even a darker tragedy. Our national spirit is made up of millions of interlacing memories. History is simply the record of memory. And the meaning of any age is found in the fashion in which it takes the materials of the past and weaves them into the life of the present.

We are here this evening to pay high tribute to the veterans of the Civil War. We are here with those whose living memories reach back over 8 decades to recover something of their experience and their sacrifice. If we forget the tale of our fathers' moral and spiritual struggles we lose much of conscience and the life of the spirit as well. "They labored, we have entered into their labors." They leave with us a heritage that strengthens our determination today to save the Union, to save all for which they fought, and to make America a stronger nation worthy of their sacrifice.

It was Carlyle who said that history's measuring rod is purpose, that there is more of history revealed in a man's purpose than in all the record of a campaign. Two giants of our Civil War had an indomitable purpose to save the Union. Saving the Union was the fire that burned in their inmost souls. I mean, of course, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses Simpson Grant.

It was a curious turn of fortune that took U. S. Grant, an obscure failure in a provincial town, and made him one of the immortals. At the age of 39 Grant was poor and condemned of his family and his fellows. At the age of 43 his picture hung in the homes of grateful millions where his name was joined with Washington's. Being born for a great purpose, nothing short of a great cause could arouse him. While the pygmies played all about him, our gigantic Antaeus simply slept. It took the guns that fired upon Fort Sumter to wake Grant up. But once awake, he never slept again until his task was done. Within 4 years he rose from derision and criticism to bend the river of history into deeper and grander channels.

Look at him at Shiloh. Behold that quiet little man on his horse. Napoleon was not more self-possessed. Wellington was not more determined. Bismarck was not more iron-nerved. Someone asked: "General Grant, does not the prospect begin to look gloomy?" "Not at all," he answered. "They can't force our lines around these batteries tonight; it is too late. Delay counts everything with us. Tomorrow we shall attack them with fresh troops and drive them, of course." Oh, what a commander. When hope was gone he manufactured new supplies. When defeat came at the end of the day, he said: "I know you not. But this I know—tomorrow I will introduce you to my friend Victory." At Shiloh Grant fought with the terror of indomitable purpose, the purpose to save the Union. Therefore "he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and the helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak." Sitting there on his horse, between the river and defeat, he was a gigantic answer to the prayer of the great West:

Give me men to match my mountains,
Give me men to match my plains;
Men with empires in their purposes,
Men with eras in their brains.

Abraham Lincoln believed in Grant. The Committee of Fifteen on the Conduct of the War demanded Grant's immediate removal. "Gentlemen," said Lincoln, "I have never seen this chap yet, but he is the only man that is doing what I sent him out to do. I think I will stick to him for a while longer." Lincoln and Grant met for the first time at a reception at the White House. See them locking hands, true brothers of the elder race greeting each other on the shores of the new world. It was indeed a great meeting of two great men, "the one tall, looking over the bulge of the centuries; the other compact, lifting the world." The song is true:

O east is east and west is west and never the twain shall meet,
Till earth and sky stand presently at God's great judgment seat;
But there is neither east nor west, border, nor breed, nor birth,
When two strong men stand face to face, though they come from
the ends of the earth

Lincoln was the oak, Grant the vine. These two giants of the past worked together to subdue slavery, to save the Union and to perpetuate the ideals of liberty.

Great in war, Grant was greater still in peace. He was a man of war only because he was a man of justice and honorable purpose. When he drew his sword he threw the scabbard away. But when that sword had achieved its purpose of right and freedom he buried it in the still depths of the sea of peace. Turning from the cannon's mouth to the angel's song, he said: "Let us have peace." When Sumner and others asked his help in having a picture of Lee's surrender painted in the rotunda of the Capitol, Grant said: "No, gentlemen. While I can prevent it there shall be no picture in the rotunda representing a surrender in which Americans are the humiliated parties."

Upon Grant's lifeless body was found a letter to his widow, which showed that he who had overcome so many foes had conquered man's last enemy. "I bid you a final farewell," he said, "until we meet in another and, I trust, a better world." And somewhere in the invisible company of life eternal he lives on with the spirit of Lincoln in noble honor and celestial fellowship. And with all their comrades of the Civil War they live in our memories, a heritage which we need for encouragement in our task today.

"We died," they seem to say,
 "And now to you we leave a greater task than dying is,
 And you shall live and think, and ghosts shall drive you on."

The spirits of the giants of the past are with us today in our continuing struggle for the freedoms of mankind.

Chairman GRAY. Reverend Smith, I know we all thank you for your message. It imbues us with the feeling that there are still Americans who will fight to the end and fight to victory.

("My Peace I Give Unto You" by Order of Eastern Star chorus.)

Chairman GRAY. Thank you very much, ladies. We now come to that part of the program where the chaplains of the several organizations give tribute to the deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic. For the Grand Army of the Republic we will have Past Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Mr. Chairman and dear friends, you have listened with me to an intelligent discussion of a great military leader. Some of the comrades in front of me as I am speaking were in the Army which he commanded. After listening to this eloquent address there is nothing left for me to say other than to pay tribute, and it is a very high honor, to the men who sacrificed their lives to support the flag that we all love.

They were inspired by the spirit of patriotism at the beginning of the Civil War, and they gave their lives in support of this flag, and I pay a high tribute to them for the service which they rendered to this great Nation, this beloved Nation which we love. In the beginning of the Civil War they were inspired by a spirit of patriotism resulting in their passing into another and I hope a better world.

Let us keep this thought in our minds. Let us set our hearts toward the land of the Eternal Morning where we may, if we live in obedience of the Bible and get back to the Bible—where we will some day meet those dear ones that have passed beyond. Thank you.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Commander in Chief Rownd. Mrs. Minnie R. Dahnkan, national chaplain, Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. DAHNKAN. Friends of liberty, we have gathered, as has been said, tonight to pay tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic. When our Nation was in danger of going to pieces our martyred president called for men. They answered and said: "We are coming, Father Abraham, one hundred thousand strong." And they came, and they added to that one hundred thousand many thousands more. Many lost their lives through the 4 agonizing years of war, and when victory was won they did not forget that their lives still belonged to their country. They came from every field, from every hamlet, from every town, city and State in this great Republic and said, "Our lives are dedicated to the United States of America."

When many years ago W. W. German, a great writer and politician, but not a wise one, said one day in his column, "We can begin to do things a little differently now. The Grand Army is no longer in the saddle," we, the women of America, said "No. They may not be in the saddle but they are in the service, and the women of America will carry on for them."

We pledge to the Grand Army of the Republic, which has answered the roll call of the Great Commander, and who tonight I know are with us here watching to see that we still carry the torch they left us, we pledge to them that while life and reason last we will work and live for their principles—fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

And, comrades who are still with us, when the last one of you has gone to meet with his comrades, have no fear for your beloved country. Your lives have taught us what freedom means. And we pledge you, too, who are here, we will not forget your sacrifices. May God keep you with us for many years. And may He give us strength to keep this pledge we make to you. I thank you.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you very much. Mrs. Arada Doughty, national chaplain, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. DOUGHTY (reciting):

We walk life's pathway together
 With those who for many a day
 Have been our close friends and leaders
 Along the onward way.
 Then comes the clear call for service
 In a higher and better sphere.
 And we miss those faithful comrades
 Whose memory we hold so dear.

It is fitting indeed that we are gathered here to pay honor to these gallant men of the Grand Army of the Republic, who, by their love of country, their unselfish sacrifices and services made possible this united Nation.

As our country is again threatened from without, we realize more fully the blessings possible to humanity only in these great United States of America.

The ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are grateful that we have coursing through our veins the blood of these honored veterans. From their lives and deeds of valor may we be inspired that, as we have been faithful to God and country, we who follow after them may carry on the torch, to hold to the ideals which God has:

given to man alone, to bring happiness and peace to the world and to all mankind.

As national chaplain, it is my sacred privilege to pay loving tribute, and greet our comrades who are with us this evening. We bow in reverence to God for their continued presence here on earth, and offer a prayer that they may be spared many years. We pledge anew to them our love and gratitude, and shall always venerate their memory and honor their achievements.

In memory of those who have passed on. Let us not be sorrowful, for they may have at last attained that reward which has been promised them by our Heavenly Father.

They gave their yesterday, that we might have today,
So let them sleep in dreamless sleep,
Our sorrows clustered around their heads.
Be comforted all ye who weep—
They live with God—they are not dead.

The American people can never forget that their service and sacrifices preserved the unity of this great Nation, nor can they cease to feel the greatest and deepest gratitude toward them for this incomparable service. Great deeds are imperishable; great names are immortal; and great lives can never die.

Sleep on, dear Comrades, for lives like thine
Have not been lived in vain,
But hold an influence, rare, divine,
O'er those who here remain.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Mrs. Doughty. Mrs. Emma McLaughlin, national chaplain, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. McLAUGHLIN. Mr. Chairman, commander, national officers, friends, tonight we pay tribute to the loving memory of the comrades of the Civil War. They lived, loved, hoped, planned for their lives. But the call of the country, the price of liberty is high, and they paid the supreme sacrifice. But they have thrown the torch to us and we, with the living comrades, will carry on.

Tonight we pray for the peace of God that passes all understanding to rule in the hearts and lives of men, when wars and rumors of war shall be no more. God bless the sweet memory of our comrades. Thank you.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Mrs. McLaughlin. Col. Leonard S. Hopfield, national chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Colonel HOPFIELD. Honorable Chairman, Comrade Gay, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied orders, and my fellow Americans, it is my high privilege to pay a tribute to the memory of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic who during the last year, after a life service in a great cause, have gone on to answer that final roll call of the dead at the reveille of the resurrection. Every war this Nation has engaged in has been for a glorious cause. These veterans of the G. A. R. fought for a two-fold purpose and the result was the saving of a nation and the freeing of an enslaved race. They have left an inspiration to those of us who follow after them.

Of all humanity only a few can be great—only a few will be remembered because of their genius and works such as artists, poets,

singers, writers, and inventive genius. The rest go to their graves to be forgotten. But these departed comrades can be made to live again with us even after they have left our world. No miracle is necessary—they can still live gloriously in our hearts and in the hearts of all humanity, if we but remember. The magic that can block the coldness of death, the miracle of the resurrection and the continuance of life is right in your own heart, if you but remember.

The names and deeds of some you never saw or knew and who meant nothing to you, you will remember because they were great. And they live because you remember. Now let us make these departed members of the G. A. R. great and then make them continue to live because we do remember. They will live if we remember; they die if we forget. Even some living, being entirely forgotten are as those who are dead.

Once in life each of these departed comrades was worthy of our greatest devotion, our constant attention and any sacrifice that their necessity might require. Now in death they surely are worth an old thought, a new tear, and a trip at least once a year on Memorial Day to the cemetery to strew flowers in remembrance of them.

These comrades died who once lived so closely with us and we live and they are gone. But they are not gone and they still live—if we but remember.

So Lord God of Hosts be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Colonel Hopfield. Mrs. Virginia S. Knowles, national chaplain, auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. KNOWLES. Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and friends, I do not feel that there is anything left for me to say after these wonderful addresses. But I have the feeling I would be remiss in my duties as chaplain of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War if I did not pay a small tribute to the hallowed memories of our departed comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We cherish the heritage which they have so richly bestowed upon us. To have known, talked, and walked with these comrades has been, a rare privilege. We sincerely hope that this grand and glorious country that it has been our privilege to enjoy shall ever be a United States for which these comrades have died.

To you comrades here I would say, may God in His wisdom bestow upon you His choicest blessings and be our inspiration to carry on.

We do not know the future
The past has sped its way,
But we hold within our grasp
The glories of today.

Let us build then a memorial that these dead have not died in vain. Thank you.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Mrs. Knowles. We will now have a selection by the United States Marine Band. Captain Santelmann. [Selection by the band.]

I know we are all greatly pleased with the music rendered by the United States Marine Band under the direction of Captain Santel-

mann. This is the President's own band, and I might say that the bringing of that band here was caused by the signature of the President of the United States to the bill which made possible their journey. Let's give them a good hand. [Applause.]

We will now have the benediction by Rev. C. Roland Pickhardt.

Rev. Mr. PICKHARDT, (Assistant Pastor First Baptist Church). Let us pray. And now unto the God who has led His people in their pursuit of freedom through flood and fire and vapor and smoke, to Him be the honor and the glory. Unto the God who is able to keep before our minds the vision of the eternal happiness of a new world, to Him be the power—ever, and ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.)

RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING HELD IN ENGLISH THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1942, 8 P. M.

Hon. Mark R. Gray, chairman encampment committee, presiding.
(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman GRAY. Thank you all for being here. It is terribly warm, we know. We are going to try to expedite matters all we can. There are other meetings to be held immediately after this one. The title of this meeting is the "Semiofficial Meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic," to open the session.

The first thing on the program is a selection by the President's own Marine Corps Band, led by Capt. William F. Santelmann. We know this band from last night. They are to stay all through the encampment. They have been at other national encampments and many who are here tonight have heard them. We want Captain Santelmann to know that we thank his men and him for this fine music.

(Star Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman GRAY. Invocation by Rev. R. M. Dodrill, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church.

Rev. Mr. DODRILL. Shall we pray. Almighty God, we pause for a moment tonight to thank Thee for this great gathering. We thank Thee for this Grand Army of the Republic. We thank Thee for these men who through the years have so gloriously carried on. We thank Thee tonight for this convention. We pray Thy richest blessing upon each person who gathers here. Give them a great convention. Give them health during their stay here.

We thank Thee, our Father, for our great country, for this land of the free. We pray that through the years, as during the last century and a half, not a star may be erased or a stripe obliterated from our flag. Guide and lead our boys tonight in this great struggle. Grant that out of this war now may come a long and lasting peace.

God grant that freedom may live and that liberty may reign in all the world. Lead us on and bless our country. Bless those who lead us in this dark hour. Protect us, our Father. We just pray tonight that in all our hearts we may be saying:

Our Fathers' God, to Thee
Author of Liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

Amen.

Chairman GRAY. We have in the State of Indiana a man who thinks much of the Grand Army of the Republic, who has had great experience, who told us tonight that he never missed an opportunity to follow

the parade on Memorial Day. That man is the honorary chairman of the committee in charge of this convention. He is also the chief sponsor of this convention. I present to you the Honorable Governor of the sovereign State of Indiana, Henry F. Schricker.

Governor SCHRICKER. Mr. Gray, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, honored and distinguished guests, and my fellow Americans, it is always a pleasure to greet visitors who honor us with their presence in the good old Hoosier State. But I count it a double honor tonight, and one that I shall cherish throughout my life, to have the privilege to express a word of welcome to these honored guests to our great State.

Indiana has a peculiar interest in the Grand Army of the Republic. We are reminded tonight that the first encampment of the Grand Army was held in Indianapolis in 1866. This encampment marks the sixth return to our state. The second was held in 1881, the third in 1893, the fourth in 1920, and they were so well treated that they came back in 1921. And so tonight it is our privilege to greet this Grand Army of the Republic for a sixth time in Indiana.

Indiana is not unmindful of or ungrateful for the services of that Grand Army. We have learned to love the old soldier in Indiana for fourscore years or more. Lincoln, when standing on the Gettysburg battlefield, said: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth a new nation on this continent." We are reminded tonight that almost four score of years have elapsed since these men fought to save the Union and succeeded in that job.

I am mindful of the respect that we should accord them on all occasions, but I believe in this hour of human tragedy when the grandsons and the great-grandsons of this mighty army are once more battling for freedom, I believe in this hour we exercise a deeper sense of appreciation for their valor and sacrifice that made the Union possible.

Many years ago a great people in Indiana erected a great monument to this Army. It stands up in the circle where the traveling and visiting world can view it and admire it—perhaps the most beautiful monument that has ever been erected by man. We are proud of that monument and proud of the record that it perpetuates in the memory of our people.

We are concerned tonight about the battles that are going on on the far-flung fronts of the world. With our boys almost on every corner of the globe we are naturally concerned about the outcome of this struggle. Your sons and our sons, your neighbor's boy, all of them are in it. More than five million men have answered the nation's call to preserve freedom and to trample slavery underfoot. We cannot lose this contest. We dare not lose it.

We can understand tonight how our forefathers felt when the destiny of the nation was in the balance back in the dark days of the sixties. These men of the Grand Army were fighting their own brothers, as valiant and as gallant and as heroic and as brave as they were. Had it not been for their victory God only knows what might have happened to our Nation. And so we come tonight with a deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to this remnant of that army.

There will be bigger armies, better-equipped armies, better fed armies, better-trained armies, but history will bear witness to the fact that there will never be a more noble or grander army than the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

We trust that your stay in Indiana will be a delightful one. We like to feel that you are in the heart of the nation and in the heart of our people with all of its cherished memory of the Boys in Blue for 80 long years. They have honored the flag, they have perpetuated the ideals of freedom and patriotism, they have fought a good fight, and we honor them for it tonight.

Their spirit, their sacrifice will make it possible for the American people to win another great victory. The tyrants that oppose us, the butchers of Germany and Japan and Italy, must and will be throttled, and slavery worse than the slavery of the early days of our Republic must be forever driven from the earth. To that end we dedicate ourselves tonight in the presence of these heroes, in the presence of these saviors of our Nation. We are grateful to them and indeed happy to have them back in Indiana once more. Thank you. [Applause]

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Governor. And I might say in passing that in addition to all the other things the Governor has done for this encampment, he has invited the entire encampment to his executive offices in the statehouse tomorrow evening for a reception, with all of the officers of the State of Indiana.

We have another outstanding man in Indiana, or Indianapolis, whose history dates far beyond the Civil War, but particularly great in the Civil War. His father and grandfather fought nobly in that war, so nobly that a camp here in Indianapolis was named after them. I refer to Camp Sullivan, which was later named as a military park. And this man's father became mayor of this city. He was mayor for two terms, and that was the end because of the law. His son has come along now and been mayor for two terms, an unusual mayor. And simply because the law provided that no man could succeed himself in that office, he had to skip 4 years. Now he has been mayor again for another 4 years. I refer to the Honorable Reginald H. Sullivan, mayor of Indianapolis. Mr. Sullivan. [Applause.]

Mayor SULLIVAN. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Gay, Governor Schricker, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen,

I will promise, Mr. Gray, after that nice introduction, that there will be no more Sullivans in the mayor's office as soon as my term expires at the end of this year.

The mayor of Indianapolis is accorded many honors and many privileges. He is given a chance to extend a welcoming address to many, many fine people. But I have never been honored in my 9 years as mayor more than I am tonight when I am invited here to extend to the Grand Army of the Republic and their allied associations a sincere and cordial welcome to the city of Indianapolis and the greetings and best wishes of all of our citizens.

I have read in the newspapers and have been told by the Governor this evening that this is the sixth encampment for the city of Indianapolis. I don't remember the first one in 1866. My recollection of the second one in 1881 is very, very faint. Perhaps I must even scratch my imagination to remember it at all.

The third one in 1893 I remember most vividly. It made an indelible impression upon my mind. I was a boy in Indianapolis and I can remember those veterans, those thousands of them, the Boys in Blue, marching through the streets of Indianapolis, and the tremendous crowds that were here for that encampment. The Grand

Army of the Republic at that time was probably the most powerful organization in Indiana and throughout all the North.

And you few men who are with us here today, I want to tell you that we have just as great respect and love for you as we had for the tens of thousands that were here in 1893. I, too, trust that your stay and the stay of your Sons and Daughters and allied organizations in Indianapolis will be a most pleasant one, and I assure you you have the good will and the best wishes of every citizen of this city. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Mayor, and I might say in passing that all the citizens of Indianapolis do not agree with his statement that there will never be another Sullivan as mayor.

Isaac W. Sharp, commander of the Department of Indiana, G. A. R., an address of welcome.

Comrade SHARP. Comrade Sullivan, commander, fellow citizens, and the few G. A. R.'s: I do not know what there is left for me to undertake to say, after the Governor of Indiana and the mayor of Indianapolis. They have said about all there is to say.

But I will say that I represent one of that army that you honor. Referring back to the days when Lincoln wanted men, I was not big enough at that time or old enough at that time to be called a man. But like a boy I offered my service and they accepted it, before I had completed my fifteenth year.

We are talking nowadays about wanting to draft men from 18 to 20. They are saying a good deal about that. There were over 100,000 boys that were not 18 in the Civil War. I believe the boys can do as well as grown-up men in the drilling and in the military organizations. They showed what they could do in the completion of the War of the Rebellion.

I want to say that I am here at almost the close of the G. A. R. in Indiana. I believe there are 16 of us today on the roll. Two have died since I have been elected, in the last 2 months, and we are falling one by one. Soon we will disappear. But I have been with the G. A. R. for many years, 50 or even more. Four hundred and fifty of us represented our division at Warsaw, Ind. I alone am left to tell the tale. I am the only one in the county. And I have held on and held up the order. They wanted us to hold on as long as there was a man left to tell the story, and I have stayed for that purpose.

In our last gathering in the State they wanted me to represent the State, and I am here to do the best I can for you. And with the help of all the soldiers of the State and the citizens of the State I am carrying forth the work that has to be done.

I wonder sometimes really what we did do when we fought the Rebellion. But when I look out over the aggregations I am meeting now, that answers the question. We have organized a government of peace-loving, patriotic people, and as we are passing out we lay our work on your shoulders and we know that you will support it. We have that confidence in the people that have backed us up.

One thing that cheers my heart, and I know it does almost all of the G. A. R.'s that are left, you are so friendly and so cheerful. When we need help and need someone to lean upon you are always so kind and helpful. We thank you very much. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Comrade Sharp. Having the American Legion national headquarters in Indianapolis has been a good

thing for us, but we have in addition to that a national vice commander of the American Legion and he is going to address us or greet us tonight, and I have the pleasure of presenting to you "Army" Armstrong.

Mr. J. V. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen, I am very happy on behalf of National Commander Stambaugh to be here tonight. Commander Gay, our commander would have preferred to have been here, but he had to go to our convention in Kansas City, which happens in a few days.

Commander in Chief GAY. I would like to say that we heard from him and we would have been glad to send a representative to your boys in convention. But we won't be able to go any more. We just simply have to send our regrets. But we are glad to receive his invitation.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Thank you very much. I hope you folks got the benefit of that. It certainly was a good one. Commander Gay, let me say this. Having two grandfathers and two great-uncles who were members of the G. A. R., you can well appreciate what a happy moment it is for me tonight to be here with you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief GAY. You are no happier than we are to receive you, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Thank you, sir. Well, Commander Gay, I will take that message, which I consider an inspiration, and carry it to as many of my comrades of the American Legion, some million two hundred thousand, as possible.

We have taken many lessons from the G. A. R. in the American Legion, and we are taking one today, offering one which every citizen can participate in, and that is removing profiteers from the ranks of capital, labor, industry or any other thing. [Applause.] We have not forgotten that Abraham Lincoln had to maintain a congressional committee in Washington in 1861 to 1865 to keep stealing from going on. We know that Washington had that to confront. Woodrow Wilson faced it in 1917 and 1918. And we of the Legion thought when we went out to advance that program that there would not be this time.

But I leave it to you, and you can see, as we see, that it is here with us again today. I think that we have got to appeal to our people to make sacrifices. I think we have to ask our leaders of government, our political leaders, our economic leaders, our industrial leaders, the leaders of labor, agriculture, and everything else, to set the example by making the same sacrifices, and then asking and demanding that all the rest of us go along and make the same sacrifices.

Manpower is being drafted, and certainly it is not asking too much that prices and wages and other items in our commerce be controlled. I think it is just as serious today as it was in 1863 when Lincoln said this: "We will either meanly lose or nobly save the last best hope on earth."

I am delighted to be here. I will carry to Kansas City, Commander Gay, the inspiration obtained from your meeting and your personal message to Commander Stambaugh. On behalf of the American Legion let me say that we are grateful for the patriotism which we have learned from the men in blue. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Commander Armstrong. We now have greetings from the national American Red Cross through the person of Harold Bredell.

Mr. BREDELL. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen, I especially value the privilege of bringing to you greetings from the American Red Cross, and I say "especially" because it is a great honor to bring them to a group which is so nobly carrying on the splendid traditions and work of the Grand Army; and from the 15,000,000 American citizens who are members of the American Red Cross I bring you this message.

I think it would perhaps be needless for me to tell a group such as this the aims and purposes of the American Red Cross. Perhaps, however, you may be interested in knowing the extent or proportions of the work that is now being carried on in the national emergency. I think that the appropriate way to tell that story would be to tell how the Red Cross is expending the funds which the people of America have so generously entrusted to its hands.

There are four major activities. The greatest activity, and the one which consumes 50 percent of all the funds is that which is for the armed forces, for the health, comfort, and recreation of the soldiers and sailors who are now fighting our battles, and even their lives, because through the blood bank the Red Cross has set up a system so that we who are behind them may give our blood to save the lives of men in battle. Many men's lives have been saved, and before this war is over doubtless thousands and thousands will be saved. The goal this year is 1,000,000 units of this blood, so you can see the magnitude of the work that is being carried on.

The next largest area of work is in the matter of civilian defense, which takes 25 percent of the income. That means taking care of civilian casualties, the homeless, the hungry, those who are bombed out, because if this war is won that front line is everywhere.

Fifteen percent is devoted to local work, to maintain the health and morale of Americans, and to provide first aid, nurses' training, and all those other adjuncts of our well being.

The remaining 10 percent is to aid in event of national disasters, because Nature does not take a vacation merely because we have the disaster of war.

So that, to sum up, the American Red Cross is devoting 100 percent of its time and its energies and its money to carry on the work of humanity in this war, as they have in past wars.

This year the American Red Cross is not asking you or any citizen for any money. We are asking for something far more precious, and that is your time and your blood—your blood in those places where the Red Cross has set up blood donor centers.

But in every community in the land is a place for you to give your time to the Red Cross. So our message to you is simply that we welcome your support. We give you our support, and we urge that every one of you in your local communities cooperate with us in the common cause to which we are all devoted in this time when our Nation is again in crucial peril in uniting for the preservation of freedom to which the Grand Army has so long devoted itself. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Mr. Bredell. I don't think there is anyone that questions the need of anything that the Red Cross may ask for.

(Hail to the Chief by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman GRAY. We will now hear from the chief, George A. Gay, national commander, in response.

Commander in Chief GAY. Now, if there are any people here that cannot hear my voice just let me know and I will try and endure this thing (the microphone.)

My very distinguished guests of allied organizations to the Grand Army of the Republic, veterans of all wars, and your allied organizations, and friends:

We of the Grand Army of the Republic are here with you, what we have to bring. Time has been on the wing and our numbers are getting few. They have the spirit but not the fortitude. I want to say to you, as I have said one place tonight, that my organization has never in my knowledge been better entertained than in your fair city of Indianapolis in the State of Indiana.

I am sorry in a sense that I from my State could bring only myself. Not a man from my outfit was able to be with me, and when I look back not so many years ago our numbers were legion. Many a time I have worked in the hall when those boys were facing the altar, that long row of gray-haired men, and said, "What will not time bring to man?" When I know of my comrades who have had very prominent positions in this fair United States of ours, and as I recall them, some of them are alive today, I say "All that is left is just what we see." Spirit, 100 percent, but the things that were with them once are no more. I say time is on the wing.

Now here is one remark that your excellent Governor made tonight, and in a sense I do believe in what he said, and in another I cannot. Why, I believe that the blood of the fathers is flowing tonight in the veins of our sons and our sons' sons, and they will say to Hitler and Mussolini and Tojo: "We remember, Tojo, what you did at Pearl Harbor. We haven't forgotten you. You little, small, insignificant Japs." Oh, could I be just 21 years of age! [Applause.]

A COMRADE IN THE AUDIENCE. There were a million four hundred thousand under 21 years of age.

Commander in Chief GAY. That is true. But let me ask, where are they tonight?

The COMRADE. In heaven.

Commander in Chief GAY. Now there is something I want to say. You know we have been having memorials all over the country for our comrades that have passed beyond this veil. I guess you and I and all of us who are just mortal tonight cannot pierce that veil. They are just on the other side, not so far off. But by and by you and I and everyone in this hall will pierce that veil, and then we shall see Him as He is. And I love to think of this, that those who have passed on before are sitting beside the pool of Siloam where the fair lily grows, breathing in the sweet perfume of Sharon's beautiful rose, looking over into Eden in the promised land.

Now these comrades of ours, and you citizens who have lost your friends, it is just the same. It is not because you have been a soldier.

We should all be soldiers of the Cross, but I am afraid we are not. Well now, those who have passed on, they are not dead.

Why should we grieve
For those who have gone before,
For they are not dead.
They live, they walk beside us,
They tell us things are true.

Why dream of poppied sod,
When we can feel their breath?
When flower and soul
And God knows
There is no death.

Happy thought! Happy thought!

There are so many things I want to say to you people here tonight. We have a war such as no man ever knew, and wherever I have traveled since I have been commander in chief, no matter what line I was on, I could see the boys, bright young youth their parents had brought up and given them an education so that they might maintain themselves in life, and to think that that dastard Hitler has dared to challenge the United States of America. I have been interviewed since I have been here and asked what I thought, and wherever I have been I have always expressed my opinion, and they have not put me behind the bars yet.

This is my opinion of this war and the men that brought it on. We never in our lives want to accept another armistice. [Applause.] We are in this war, and I quote Sherman: "War is hell." And these young boys from every walk of life. They have got to go out there and fight that rascally man. Why, he isn't even a beast. He goes beyond that. I don't know what you would call him. If I was going to say, I think he is a raving maniac.

Does he think that he is going to beat the United States of America with all of the States that we have got behind us here in America? Not by any manner of means. [Applause.] This may be a long war. The United States has always been slow to take hold—always. We never entered a war that we were ever prepared. That is a fact. And had we been on our guard when he sent that mean little Jap over here to try and pray for peace for that country Japan, at the same time the planes were on the way to give us hell over there in Pearl Harbor.

But we don't forget it. As I told the reporter the other day, "Now don't put in anything I didn't say, but you can put in every word I have said." We want to say to those people that henceforth—many years at least—there will be a scorched earth over in Berlin, a scorched earth over in Italy, and when we get through you will never know there was a Japan.

Before this war is over if somebody should telegraph me from somewhere that there had been an armistice signed here, I would say: "For God's sake, what is the matter with America? What is the matter with you?" Don't do as you did do in the First World War.

When Russia had capitulated and the troops had gone over on the Von Hindenberg line, they had England almost over in the sea; and they were whipped and whipped badly, and if the doughboys had not gone over there and saved them they would all have been drowned out. They were within 40 miles of Paris. The old Kaiser had come down to see his boys march on and break our lines, and had promised them in

48 hours, and they hoped that they would arrive there in time for their regular meals.

When the doughboys went over the top their troops didn't even know that America was over there. Some of the boys went over the top with old plug hats on—they did. "For God's sake," they said, "what outfit is that?" But when they saw Old Glory, the Star-Spangled Banner, waving in the breeze, in the course of a few hours our boys broke their lines. And there was Mr. Hohenzollern down there with his jeweled ladies and their beautiful clothing and cars to see their boys break the line and go into Paris. He just got into his limousine and started back to his palace, and in a few days he was in Doorn. He went over to Doorn where he was able to get a little exercise.

Am I taking too much time? [Cries of "Go ahead."]

I don't know where these Germans got this idea, but they have always been imbued with the idea that God made them to rule this world. But God never did any such thing. They have the idea that they have all the culture that men could ever be endowed with, and that they were the nation that could rule all men. Oh! Oh!

I tell you they have got a misconception. They don't know yet what we have got here in the United States. They had an idea in the First World War, but we were just fools enough to sign with these fellows on the dotted line for an armistice. Why? Because they had in the shape of manufacturing institutions everything just left the same as it was when the war began, and they knew if they could sign off now their institutions for manufacturing would be ready to furnish any nation that wanted their goods. And poor Belgium and Alsace-Lorraine, all of their plants were bombed and destroyed. Weren't they smart people, and how dumb we were?

They have got the idea if they want a billion dollars, or 5 billion dollars, ah, if they just come over here with their tall hats and say, "We think you are great fellows," they will get a few billion dollars of our money. "Didn't I tell you, aren't they saps?" In a sense we are. We are smart about some things, but we are foolish in others. Take it from me.

Now, then, I think that lesson has been learned over here in America. Now, as I say, we are in a great war. But after peace has come to us and all of these nations that are allied with us shall meet around the round table, don't destroy Hitler if you can help it. Bring him before that round table and then let them pronounce judgment on the man. Don't be very particular what you do with him, with the exception that you do to him what he has done to innocent men. [Applause.]

But institute a barbecue. I would have a spindle of wire on each side, and I would shove him in there, and I would set a mechanized machine working. I would take him out for a few minutes. Then I would put him back, and when his tongue began to run out I would take him out again. I would. He is nothing but a dastard. He is a man that destroyed a whole town just for one of his generals, just for one man that shot one of his generals. I wish that man could have lived long enough to have shot the whole of them.

Now I think I have said enough, but I want to say this to this audience that is before me. I probably never will be in your fair

city again. We are getting old. I am living beyond the allotted time of life. We are not what we used to be. An old fellow said to me once, "Well, you never was much of anything." Well, you know sometimes they tell us the truth in the guise of a jest, you know.

Here are my boys that sit opposite me here, and they would say to you: "We are in your fair city. You are a magnificent people. You are doing everything in your power that we may enjoy ourselves. And besides that you are very patriotic." And if there is anything in the world we want to do it is to solidify the democratic institution. We haven't any too much solidifying in the United States of America. Not by any manner of means. You have many, many men that are doing something in the dark that by and by they will spring on us if you don't clean up that thing. Why should we buy bonds if we are going to leave people here who want to destroy us? Get those fellows out of here. [Applause.] Don't never give them an opportunity to do a thing that will destroy us, and then all you have got to watch should they come over here in their planes and undertake to get behind our lines—you can handle 1 Red over here better than you can 60 or 70 over there. Right behind you are fellows we have got to get rid of. Clean them out now. Get rid of them now. Then when they do come give them what the Irishman said, "Give them hell." I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. The applause will tell you, commander, that your message was well received. However, I think that it would be a good time now to sell a few tickets to the barbecue. We will now hear from Chief of Staff Charles H. Perry.

Comrade PERRY. Veterans, friends of all wars, and all the allied organizations belonging to the Grand Army, I want to say a word. In 1861 our great commander, Lincoln, called for volunteers, and they came from the North and the South, and the East and the West, and that vast army got to be over 2,000,000 men. Among those 2,000,000 men were these veterans here, and our commander was among them. Many of those 2,000,000 men are lying in the southern cemeteries. They made the great sacrifice. They gave their all. And that is what that great army did for you and me. Aren't you proud of that army? [Applause.] Yes, I know you would be.

Out of that army the Grand Army of the Republic was born, and among those, as I said before, are all these veterans and our commander. And I think we ought to be proud that we have a country like this, and that we have people that are willing to back it up with their lives, if necessary. That is the kind of men we want, men like those at the Alamo—to the last man.

I am not going to detain you but just a few minutes now, because it is late. I want to say that I am proud I am an American and that I can wear that button, which President Roosevelt cannot wear. [Applause.]

I am not going to take any more of your time. I have a little thing to say to this commander. I want him to get up here. I want to show this man the appreciation and love his comrades have for him. In fact, I have something here that I am going to present to him. And in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic I present you this badge of a past commander in chief. These comrades liberally paid for this out of their own money. Will you pin that on him.

That represents the love and the appreciation that his comrades have for him.

Commander in Chief GAY. Just let the audience see that, won't you? My comrades, I want to say I never expected anything of this kind—never. I have been with you for many years. I am proud that I am known through the length and breadth of the United States of America. They know me. I have been proud of my comrades because I loved them, and they have been true to me.

Commander in Chief ALBERT C. LAMBERT, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I said, Comrade Gay, if I had an opportunity to get my hands on this badge I would promise your good wife that she would be the one to place it on your chest. I am going to get her up here. [Mrs. Gay pins the badge on the commander in chief.]

Commander in Chief GAY. Comrades, I know you have all been in this. It was the farthest thing from my mind. I have been with you for many years. You know it. And you, my comrades, have been my inspiration. How you did treat me this year! You wanted to test me out to know if I could go the pace. My good wife and I have traveled over 9,000 miles. I have seen my organizations through most of the States, but not all, because there were circumstances in which I could not do what I wanted to do.

I know that from coast to coast this little insignificant fellow is known, and I know that I am loved, and I will love them as long as I live, and I will do all that is in my power to uphold you; and I thank you for this splendid gift. I didn't expect it.

I didn't want this job. It is not all sunshine; it is not all flowers. There is a long length of the road that is not carpeted. There are a great many joints in the tracks if you want to sleep, especially going west. You arrive at your destination and you have got to travel two or three steps of stairs before you can get to your living room at any time. On the other hand, you have got to go down three or four steps before you get on the level to get transportation.

You reach your destination and this organization wants you, and the other one wants you, and the other. They have got seven things going in 20 minutes. They want you to travel. I cannot do that.

And so I am happy, because I would not have lost this opportunity. I thought I knew my allied organizations. I thought I knew my comrades. But I didn't know the half of it. I have had all those experiences, and here I am tonight accepting your gratuities. God bless you. I have taken up all of this time. I should not. But you and I may never meet again. We are old. We cannot climb many more stairs, and some of us may live long enough so that we would not know enough to climb stairs if they could. That is the way the thing is. That is what God Almighty decreed.

Today, as it has always been in any great war, it is the young men for war, we know. We were young once. But it is the old men for counsel. Now God bless you all. I may never meet you again, but I want you to know that I love you. I have my heart with you, and it shall be with you as long as I am able to be with you. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Commander. We will have Mrs. May Luchsinger, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. LUCHSINGER. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, our very distinguished guests, and members and friends of the allied organizations, many years ago the Grand Army of the Republic gave to the Woman's Relief Corps a very high honor when they chose us their auxiliary. We have tried in every way to do our part, but it remains for the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to say whether or not we have kept that trust. We know that it is only their years that keep the Grand Army out of this present conflict, and tomorrow we plan in their honor to vote some unit of assistance to the Government of the United States.

We also know that while these honors are very pleasing, they do not keep an organization running. Tonight in behalf of the National Woman's Relief Corps we come to pledge anew their loyalty and cooperation. And, Commander in Chief Gay, through you we wish to present to the Grand Army of the Republic just a little something to keep the wheels of your machinery going around.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Mrs. Luchsinger.

Mrs. LUCHSINGER. Pardon me. Mr. Rownd wanted me to announce the amount. It is \$1,000.

Chairman GRAY. Ethelyn P. Smith, national president, Ladies of the G. A. R. Miss Smith.

Miss SMITH. Mr. Commander in Chief, Governor, Mayor, officers of the allied organizations, and friends, it is my happy privilege tonight as national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the family of the Grand Army, the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, nieces, and blood-kin cousins of the veterans of the Civil War, to come to you and to bring you the greetings from my organization. And as I looked over the audience tonight, I thought what a feeling of gratitude should be in our hearts, gratitude that we were able in this free country of ours to meet in this hall and do honor to these men who made this wonderful country possible for us, who saved us Old Glory and made us a united nation, and I wondered what expression we could use to show our gratitude. Mere words were not enough. We wanted them to know in a material way that we loved them, we were grateful for what they had done for us; and it is my happy privilege at this time to present to Commander in Chief George A. Gay for the Grand Army of the Republic this check from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for \$1,000.

Commander in Chief GAY. You see how our lady organizations love us, don't you?

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Miss Smith. Commander, we will stay awhile yet, can't we? Erma H. Chaplin, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. CHAPLIN. Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, heads of our allied organizations, and the Commander in Chief, my Commander in Chief, our Commander in Chief, I am another link, representing another link in your family tonight, Commander in Chief, and that is your Daughters, the daughters of your comrades, and we come to you tonight with just all the love and affection of a daughter for our fathers.

When I think of the Grand Army it makes me think of a little Scripture text, "They have labored that we might enjoy the fruit of

their labor." And it is the fruit of your labors that have saved this blessed country for us today that we may be here to enjoy it.

And, Commander in Chief, on behalf of the national organization of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War I am presenting to you this envelope which contains two checks one in the sum of \$1,200 for your general fund and one in the sum of \$500 for the southern memorial fund. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief GAY. I want to say I always believed in daughters. Away back there in days of yore they believed in large families, and because of our belief and what has taken place you all can see what the result is. I am sure you can. Well now, had we not cared for daughters or had not had any you would not be shaking my hand tonight about this thing here, this money.

Mrs. CHAPLIN. This is very confidential. Now, Commander in Chief, for your own, that you may enjoy in your home, this loving cup from the Daughters of Veterans.

Commander in Chief GAY. I am going to set this up here. Will you read that inscription on there? I haven't got my glasses.

Mrs. CHAPLIN [reading]:

Presented to Commander in Chief George A. Gay, Grand Army of the Republic, by the National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-65, at Indianapolis, Ind., September 1942.

Chairman GRAY. I know that the commander thanks you, Mrs. Chaplin, and I know that he will not have anything but the purest aqua in that cup.

Commander in Chief GAY. I won't ever have, if I know it, anything in that cup that fizzles.

Chairman GRAY. Albert C. Lambert, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander in Chief LAMBERT. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief and Brother Gay, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen, it is a privilege for me this evening to stand here to represent the organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the oldest organization in point of service allied with the Grand Army.

On the opening at this occasion, Comrade Gay, of your seventy-sixth encampment and our sixty-first, may I say to you and the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic that we extend to you our greetings and best wishes for the very finest encampment that you have ever enjoyed. We hope for you and for these splendid men years and years of continued health and prosperity, and we trust that you will attend encampments for many years to come.

It seems to be the order of the day to have envelopes. We had a little discussion this afternoon about \$1,000, if you remember, at the club; and I am happy to tell you that the Sons of Union Veterans—of course we have our auxiliary from whom you will still hear—but between our two organizations we are giving you what you seem to think we should have done. I present here from the Sons of Union Veterans, Commander Gay, my check for \$500.

Commander in Chief GAY. Now this is a brother of mine. I really put it over them in Massachusetts. They didn't know that I was really eligible to be a Son of a Veteran. But by some hook or crook they found out in my adopted State that I was eligible to be a Son

of a Union Veteran. So they said to me, "We want you in our outfit." I said, "I have got all I can attend to this year. I got wished onto me something that I have got to work for or I will get eliminated, perhaps thrown out of the Grand Army of the Republic." But they urged me so much that they said they would make me an honorary member and I would not have to pay any dues. So that is the way they got me, because it was no money.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Commander Lambert. Just one more to hear from, not the least by far. Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Gay, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, distinguished guests, members, and friends, I am happy to bring tonight to the seventy-sixth semiofficial meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic the greetings of the national organization of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans to assist the Sons in perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I am happy tonight to join with the Sons of Union Veterans in giving a gift from my national organization to the Grand Army of the Republic. Therefore, Commander Gay, I wish for you and your comrades a very happy and successful encampment, and trust that you will bring back to New Hampshire many happy recollections of the city of Indianapolis.

In behalf of the national organization of the Auxiliary we join with the Sons of Union Veterans in making our combined check \$1,000, between us, to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GAY. Will you say to your Auxiliary that we of the Grand Army of the Republic love you? That is not all. The Bible tells you we shall love one another. I am sure you mean to obey the Scripture.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you, Mrs. Schroeder. That was wonderfully well done. With all these greetings it is necessary to have a response. We have decided that Past Commander in Chief Rownd would give us just a few words.

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. Let me go back to the Bible, also. I most heartily and sincerely endorse that citation. The best way to settle a civil war, this war, or any other war, is the Bible. That is my conviction. [Applause.]

This has been a most enjoyable evening, and I am grateful and thankful that my health permitted me to come to this city where we have held encampments six different times. It was one of the highest compliments that could be paid to any city, and one of the reasons why we came back here is the reception that we received at the first encampment we had. And the next one we had the reception was greater, and we recognized the fact that this was a patriotic city, noted for its hospitality, and that is one of the reasons why we came back the sixth time.

There are many things that I could say, many splendid things to talk about, but it would be unkind for me to keep you people any longer, and in view of the fact that there is another meeting to follow this. God bless you, and thank you.

Chairman GRAY. Has Jack Tilson come in yet? We will now have a selection by the United States Marine Band, Captain Santelmann. [Selection by the band.]

The audience will rise and sing America. [The audience complied with the request.]

Benediction by the Reverend E. Burdette Backus, of All Souls Unitarian Church.

Rev. Mr. BACKUS. Eternal spirit of justice and of mercy who dost reveal Thyself in heroic men who are ready to live or to die, if need be, for the shining causes of humanity, we beseech Thee to reign in our hearts that in this hour of our country's great need with which Thou has matched us, we shall prove ourselves worthy children of Thee. Amen.

Chairman GRAY. The meeting is dismissed. \

CAMPFIRE HELD IN ENGLISH THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1942, 8 P. M.

Hon. Mark R. Gray, chairman encampment committee, presiding.
(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman GRAY. This is the third meeting of this encampment to be held in this theater—well filled as usual, a wonderful organization, wonderful attendance, wonderful audience.

I want to say as chairman of this encampment committee that I have never had a more enjoyable time in my life. I never met so many fine men and women as I have met during this past week. I have had lots of experiences with the comrades, without doubt the cleanest, finest manhood that the world has ever produced. [Applause.] And that goes, too, for all the members of all the affiliated organizations. [Applause.]

I have been a dues-paying but very inactive member of the Sons of Veterans for many years. I am heartily ashamed of myself after the experience of meeting all of you folks here and seeing what fine people you are. I told them down at the meeting a while ago that I was going to atone for my sins, and any time they call on me for anything I am going to be there. [Applause.]

We will now have the invocation by the Reverend Virgil D. Ragan. He is pastor of the Fairview Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Mr. RAGAN. Our kind, loving Father, we stand first of all in the spirit of reverence and respect because when we call upon Thy holy name we recognize Thee not only as our God and as our Creator but as our kind and loving Heavenly Father. And secondly, our Father, we stand in the spirit of reverence and respect because we want to pay homage and respect to these comrades and to these various organizations that are affiliated therewith, thanking them for the support which they generate throughout the country, praying that this night as we stand in Thy holy presence that in this hour of crisis we may catch some of the spirit, some of the sacrifice, and some of the valor that is demonstrated thereby.

Bless this program tonight and all those who shall participate upon it and those of us who shall listen. For we ask it in Thy holy name. Amen.

Chairman GRAY. We come again to that very enjoyable part of our program conducted by Captain Santlemann, whom we have all become more or less acquainted with this week. It is not often you meet a man so affable in such high position, the conductor of the finest musical organization in the entire world. [Applause.]

The President of the United States seconded the motion of Congressman Louis Ludlow, who is here with us tonight, in furnishing the money for sending the band. The band came because it likes

Indianapolis, I know. I know we have seen them on the streets and everywhere people have admired them and on the sidewalks people have said, "What a fine looking group of gentlemen they are, and if that is the Marines, I want to belong to the Marines." We will now hear from Captain Santelmann and his band.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman GRAY. We will now have the pledge of allegiance led by Scout Allan Smith.

(Pledge of allegiance to the flag.)

(Star Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman GRAY. This is Col. Guy Boyle, commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

Colonel BOYLE. Mr. Chairman, my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and fellow Americans, it is not my purpose to detain you with very much chin music. I do, however, wish to extend to the Grand Army of the Republic and the affiliated organizations the greetings of the United Spanish War Veterans; also to extend to them an expression of gratitude for the teachings and the lessons which were gained from them in our childhood days that led to the patriotic fervor with which we entered the war in 1898, 1899, and 1900, composing the only entire 100 percent volunteer organization for an army that this Nation has ever had. [Applause.]

We attribute that entirely to the love of country and the patriotic teachings of the Grand Army of the Republic and their affiliated organizations.

As a citizen of this community I want to add to the words of welcome that have been extended by the chairman and the others and to say to you that I hope you have had a good time here, that your stay has been pleasant, and may the Great Commander in Chief spare you to be with us again. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. We will now have another rousing patriotic gentleman to lead us in a little discussion for a few minutes. He is the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines.

General HINES. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Gay, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and members of the Auxiliaries, I greatly appreciate the honor of being invited to attend this encampment and campfire gathering. I am also glad to come to Indianapolis, the home town of my good friend in Congress, Congressman Ludlow, who is on the platform and who will speak to you here tonight.

Commander in Chief, the President of the United States has conveyed to you in a message his greeting, but I know that he would expect me tonight to express to you his personal greetings at the outset of my remarks, and I am glad to extend them to you. He wishes for you, and for that Grand Army so rapidly diminishing, a most enjoyable and successful encampment. He has great confidence that nothing will come out of this encampment that is not born of 100-percent Americanism and true citizenship.

This is the seventy-sixth encampment of the Grand Army. Seventy-five years ago the first encampment was held in this town. I am sure it must be staggering to you, as it is to me, to contemplate the changes that have taken place in the three-quarters of a century represented between the two encampments. Our Nation at the time of the first encampment was about one-third in population to what it is today.

The railroads had not penetrated to the West to join the East and the West until after that first encampment. They met here when they had completed the test in our country as to whether a State or States had the right to secede from the Union, and they brought to us that unity which means more today than probably is fully realized.

Those two events, the victory of the Grand Army of the Republic, completing as they did with the first encampment the unity of the North and the South; the completion of the railroad to the West and the first trip of the iron horse, as it was known in those days, tied our country together so that in these trying times there is no question of North, South, East, or West. We are a united Nation, and it is well that we are at this time.

We are meeting in perilous times, times that require that type of citizenship and unity represented by this Grand Army of the Republic. Less than a thousand of them are still on the rolls as registered in that administration that I have the honor to serve, with an average of 97 years. They are meeting in their seventy-sixth encampment. There are some among them, or at least it has been said, that this may be the last encampment. But I feel that so long as the Grand Army can be represented it stands as a monument, as that great monument in front of this theater stands, to the work of a wonderful organization of American citizenship and manhood. [Applause.]

No man can measure the amount of good that has been accomplished by the example set by the men that served in your Grand Army. No nation is more proud of any organization than it is of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Today I witnessed the parade, but I witnessed something else—and even I have had the pleasure of serving my country in three wars—minor compared to the one that you served in with the possible exception of the last World War—and for what it meant to us there has been no war that meant more. But today I witnessed the leaders of that parade step from their automobile carrying the flag as always, and it was no easy task. I watched with interest standing immediately in front of me on the reviewing stand a group of Boy Scouts. No order had to be issued for those youngsters to push forward and grab that flag and assist your commander in chief in moving it to the front. [Applause.] And that is an example such as they have been teaching young America for three-quarters of a century. So I say that no man can measure the amount of good in praise of true Americanism and great citizenship accomplished by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Their influence for good is needed now. The unity they brought is needed more than at any other time in our history. It is a signal and a definite sign to the aggressors of the unity of our Nation and the type of soldiers that we do produce.

And let me say to you, my good friends, that at no time in our history have we entered into a more dangerous war against aggression than the one we are now in. And let no one believe that the peace and the victory can be won unless we can outthink them, outwork them, and outfight them. [Applause.]

I am one of those who believe that the victory will come. It must come because our cause is right. I believe also that when that peace is won that we will make sure in the steps that we take thereafter to punish those who are responsible for this great crime against humanity

and civilization, and make sure again that the peace is not lost because we do not take a leading part in dictating the terms of the peace, and make sure that they are carried out. [Applause.]

It is a great pleasure for me in a small measure through the organization of the Veterans' Administration to care for these veterans of that great war and their dependents. It is a great regret that from year to year I happen to notice the numbers dwindle, and I have often prayed in silence that they might be spared as a living monument to the great principles and ideals upon which our Government is founded. [Applause.]

And may God bless them and keep them. You, those of you who have been closest to them, always reverence the history of the work that they have done. I am sure that these boys who are now facing the conflict cannot help but look up and hope that they, too, will wind up a military career with a record of those we are honoring here at this encampment. [Applause.]

I am pleased, Mr. Commander in Chief, to be honored, as I was today, to sit in with you at your business session. I am honored always to have the opportunity of addressing the Sons and the Daughters, with those of the Relief Corps who have honored me by placing in my office a flag with an inscription that I highly honor for service that I do not fully deserve.

But I am proud of you, the work that you have done, and I hope for many years you will be representative of those ideals and principles of good citizenship in the communities and throughout the Nation that will make us great and deserve the blessings of the peace hereafter. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. I know we all thank General Hines for those fine words. He has made a wonderful Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. To that all who have passed through his office, or had occasion to become familiar with it, can testify.

The Y. M. C. A. quartet then entertained the audience with On the Banks of the Wabash, Tenting Tonight, O Susanna, and Battle Hymn of the Republic, receiving hearty applause.

Chairman GRAY. The boys will be back with us again on the program. I may not recognize the Star-Spangled Banner but I do recognize those Indian songs.

We have with us tonight a very fine gentleman, a man who is the pride of Marion County. He is the man who introduced the bill and steered it through the many intricacies of Congress, and had the President sign it, that brought the Marine Corps Band here. He is the Congressman from this county, a prominent citizen of this city, the Honorable Louis Ludlow.

Mr. LUDLOW. Mr. Gray, Commander in Chief, General Hines, members of the Grand Army and the Auxiliaries, ladies and gentlemen, it is a trait of human nature that when we approach the evening of life our minds revert reverently and longingly to the place of our birth, around which cluster the hallowed memories of childhood.

It is fit and proper that the little group of revered members of the Grand Army of the Republic whom we have with us tonight should return to Indianapolis to hold their seventy-sixth national encampment, for it was in this city that the Grand Army of the Republic was cradled. And it is altogether appropriate that we who are rooted

in the soil of Indiana should assemble here tonight in loving homage to greet these few remaining saviors of the Union and to lay our garlands at their feet.

There are times when the tongue cannot speak the language of the heart, and if our words on this occasion seem weak and impotent to express the love that is in our hearts, we want these illustrious visitors to know that we are proud of our guests and that we deeply appreciate the honor they have bestowed upon us by their coming.

When the tattered and bedraggled veterans of the Union Army, tired and footsore but inexpressibly happy, marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington in the grand review of May 23 and 24, 1865, their eyes fell on a strip of canvas extending the entire length of the Capitol Building, inscribed with the legend: "The only national debt we can never pay is the debt we owe the victorious Union soldiers."

It is in that spirit that we salute you tonight—heroes of the Grand Army.

If we Hoosiers have to admit that the Grand Army of the Republic was born in Illinois we nevertheless can lay proud claim to the fact that it received its swaddling clothes right here in the city of Indianapolis. Its first national encampment was held here 76 years ago, starting on November 20, 1866. Between its first and its last, the one now in progress, four other national encampments have been held in Indianapolis—the fifteenth, June 15 and 16, 1881; the twenty-seventh, September 6 and 7, 1893; the fifty-fourth, September 19 to 25, 1920; and the fifty-fifth, September 25 to 29, 1921. In playing host six times to the Grand Army, Indianapolis has become indelibly interwoven in the annals of this great and historic organization.

The privilege I have of attending the present encampment and of sitting at the feet of these men who fought that America might live, gives me a tremendous thrill personally, because it brings precious memories to my mind. Forty-nine years ago this month I did my first major job of newspaper reporting when I covered the twenty-seventh national encampment of the Grand Army in this city for the Indianapolis Sun.

I had been raised on a farm in eastern Indiana in a heavily forested section when the wilderness was still more a fact than a memory, and the year before the encampment I had come to the State capital greener than the grass of my native Fayette County hills, but fired with a boyish spirit of adventure and an ambition to enter newspaper work. A year's experience in the rough and tumble of newspaper reporting had equipped me, in the opinion of my superiors, with a degree of proficiency sufficient to enable me to tackle this big assignment.

I had very competent assistance from a bright and exceedingly capable young man who was publicity director for the encampment. That young man was William Fortune, who died recently full of years and honors. Col. Eli Lilly, the founder of Eli Lilly & Co., known and honored throughout the Nation, was the director general of the vast and highly systematized organization that was created to entertain the veterans.

That memorable Grand Army reunion of half a century ago is still vividly vignetted on my memory. At that time the Grand Army had 397,223 members and more than 100,000 attended the encamp-

ment. Indianapolis then had a population of only 105,436, so it is not difficult to imagine the congestion in our streets and the approaches to the tented reservations set apart as living quarters for the visitors. On 1 day 42 special trains arrived at the union station, loaded to the guards with veterans and members of the Auxiliary, and regular trains were run in 2 sections of 10 and 12 cars each.

The soldiers' monument was dazzlingly illuminated. Stand pipes 50 feet high had been erected on the State capitol grounds, from the tops of which flared flames of natural gas, advertising an Indiana product that has long since disappeared. In an enormous night meeting at Tomlinson Hall, Benjamin Harrison welcomed the Boys in Blue, and Commander in Chief A. G. Weissert responded in a speech in which he said with much feeling:

We recognize that Indianapolis is in thorough accord with this organization. We notice it in the decorations. We notice it in the hospitality of its citizens. They showed it during that great war from 1861 to 1865. Indiana was the soldiers' friend then. It always has been the soldiers' friend, and tonight we have this grand demonstration proving that it continues to be the soldiers' friend.

May we not tonight lay to our hearts the soothing unction that the words spoken in this city by the commander in chief nearly 50 years ago still ring true—that Indiana is still the soldiers' friend?

In that great reunion of the long ago I mingled with the veterans in their daylight hours and attended their campfires at night and listened to a thousand thrilling stories of danger and valor as they lived over and over again their harrowing experiences on the battlefields, and I wrote reams and reams of newspaper copy with a lead pencil, the typewriter not having yet made its appearance. I had never imagined there were so many bands in the world as were represented at that encampment. I had never heard anything like so many strains of martial music, nor had I ever seen so many gallant men on horseback. Automobile transportation was still locked in the bosom of the unknown future, and it was inspiring to see the great number of beautiful horses with expert riders in the grand parade, when 22,000 veterans participated, led by Gen. James R. Carnahan, the grand marshal, on a spirited charger. As long as I live that colorful panorama will stand out in my recollection.

The idea that burgeoned forth into the Grand Army of the Republic was conceived in the brains of two men—one a man of science and the other a man of God. Both wore the uniform of their country, and they were tentmates and comrades on many weary marches, including Sherman's pilgrimage to the sea. These men were Dr. B. F. Stephenson and Rev. W. J. Rutledge, the former a major and the latter a chaplain, both of the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry. Dr. Stephenson is described as an unusual character, very much of an idealist, who gazed far into the future and dreamed dreams of the brotherhood of man. It was in February 1864 when they were tramping with Sherman, that the doctor unfolded his idea of a national brotherhood of soldiers to the chaplain, who caught the doctor's vision and was completely captivated by it. The basic idea was that it was to be an organization founded on the close camaraderie that exists among veterans who have fought and suffered together. The motif of the organization as conceived by these two veterans was

perhaps best expressed by a poem that had a wide circulation about that time among the Boys in Blue:

There are bonds of all sorts in this world of ours,
Fetters of friendship and ties of flowers,
And true lovers' knots, I ween;
The boy and the girl are bound by a kiss,
But there is never a bond, old friend, like this—
We have drunk from the same canteen.

Most of the dreams of the Illinois doctor may have been visionary but here was one that turned out to be a reality. He lived to see the campfires of the Grand Army burning from ocean to ocean. The fraternal note he struck swelled into a glorious anthem. The brotherhood he founded grew and flourished until it attained a peak membership of 409,489 in 1890. The name which the doctor adopted for his organization was suggested by Napoleon's Grand Army of France, so changed as to make it adaptable to our Republic.

The call for the first national encampment designated Indianapolis as the meeting place. It was sent out in General Orders No. 13 from Springfield, Ill., by Dr. Stephenson as provisional commander in chief, on October 31, 1866, and the 20th of the month following was set as the date for convening.

Indianapolis at the time of the first national encampment was a city of fewer than 45,000 inhabitants, and auditoriums available for such a gathering were few. It was decided to hold the first national encampment in Morrison's Opera Hall, which stood at the northeast corner of Maryland and Meridian Streets, a few squares from where we are at the present time. The owner was William H. Morrison, a prominent businessman of Indianapolis. This building had a short shrift. A few years later, to be exact, on January 17, 1870, John B. Gough was lecturing to a packed house when the building caught fire. A cool-headed preacher in the audience assumed the task of evacuating the premises without creating a panic. The lecturer saw his audience melting away but he could not divine the cause. When the hall was nearly deserted he was told that the building was on fire. Fire-fighting facilities in those days were crude and ineffectual. The building was destroyed with a loss of \$250,000. A bronze tablet now marks the spot as the place where the first encampment of the Grand Army was held.

Ten States and the District of Columbia were represented at this first encampment, the States being Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, Kentucky, and Indiana. The battle flags of Indiana regiments were gorgeously displayed on the stage. A dramatic highlight was the unheralded appearance of Oliver P. Morton, the war Governor of Indiana, at the evening session. The audience went wild. In responding to a tremendous ovation Governor Morton said that the Army had saved the Nation, and the result of the struggle had shown it to be "the grandest army of any nation in the world."

"The gratitude of the Government is due to the men who saved it, and that gratitude will grow stronger and stronger as the years increase," the Governor said.

Thus was launched the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization which from this small beginning became so potent, so shot full of

fraternalism, catholicity, and patriotic enterprise that I think it can truthfully be said it, more than anything else, brought about the final step in our national unification.

Perhaps there never was a war so difficult for men to enter. The foes in the conflict were men who spoke the same language, believed in the same principles of honor, professed the same religion, and often were children of the same mother. Grant, the leader of the Union Army, set the pace for the reconciliation when with magnificent magnanimity he told the southern soldiers at Appomattox that they might take their horses home with them, as they "would need them for the spring plowing." Today North and South are united in the perfect union which Lincoln longed for, but which he did not live to see.

No more shall the war cry sever,
Or the winding rivers be red;
They banish our anger forever
When they laurel the graves of our dead.

History will record that the cause for which these men fought from 1861 to 1865 was not an evanescent and temporary phase but it marked a real dedication of the services of the Nation to the noblest objective any nation could ever conceive—the cause of human freedom. In the 74 years of national existence from 1787 until 1861, liberty and the rights of man were dry and musty themes for academicians to pore over, for there were no developments in those years to demonstrate the resiliency and dependability of our Government to meet the test of guaranteeing liberty and the protection of human rights to those under our flag. Democracy lay dormant throughout all those years.

Then came the crisis over slavery and it immediately brought the test, as with the crash of a million thunderbolts. Our nascent democracy, activated by the issues of the Civil War, changed overnight from an inactive to a virile democracy. It became a vital, pulsating force, dedicating itself with a renewal of consecration and faith to the purpose expressed by the great founder, Thomas Jefferson, when he said: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

Democracy went on the march in the dark days of 1861 to 1865 and it has been on the march ever since in enlarged and varying fields of action, and it is on the march today. When our democracy first found its wings in the early sixties, its objective was to free the black man, whose back had been bent and whose spirit had been broken by two centuries of unrequited toil. Now, four score years after the War Between the States broke loose in all of its fury, our democracy, joining with other forces of righteousness, is engaged in a global effort to guarantee to all people everywhere the dignity of free men and women.

It is interesting to trace the various episodes in which our vibrant democracy has participated during the last four score years, and to note how it has translated itself into appropriate events always in the direction of freedom and the higher aspirations of civilization. The analogy of purpose that runs through all of these changing and dramatic episodes is perfect. First, we have the war to strike from human wrists the bonds of slavery fought by the soldiers of the Union, whose last remaining survivors are our honored guests tonight.

In 1898 the sons of these men heard the cries of anguish coming from Cuba, and with the same love of humanity in their hearts that

had inspired their fathers, they struck the shackles of Spanish tyranny from the Cubans and set them free. Then came World War No. 1, and the grandsons of these guests of ours fought to make the world safe for democracy. And, now, carrying on in the same noble tradition, the great-grandsons of these honored guests of ours are doing their part on the far-flung fronts of a global war, each generation having sought in its own way and time to make its contribution to a better world for the succeeding generations. Such is democracy, functioning at its best and justifying in every generation the wisdom and confidence of the forefathers who placed their faith in it.

Today democracy is facing its supreme challenge. It must do or die. The perfidy of the Axis Powers at Pearl Harbor instantly precipitated a new world issue. The issue now is not the enslavement of the black man, but the enslavement of the world. What the Axis has done to the churches and monasteries of Germany by seizing them and converting them into barracks is an earnest of what it will do to Christianity wherever it has the chance. What it did to Lidice, where the innocent people of an entire village were slaughtered, and what it has done to hundreds upon hundreds of blameless hostages who were stood up against walls and shot, is an earnest of what it will do to humanity to satisfy its beastly whims.

This is not time to rake over the dead leaves of the past, to discuss the mistakes or merits of foreign policy in recent years. Pearl Harbor ended all of that. It is enough to know that by foul blow, delivered at the very moment when our President was extending peace overtures to the Emperor of Japan, the Axis has put democracy's back to the wall. It is a condition and not a theory that now confronts us. The liberty of men, women, and children, the very future of Christianity and all that is connoted in the precious term "free enterprise," have been put in peril by this mad combination of unholy powers. The only sensible thing for Americans to do is to forget the honest differences of the past and move forward, a united nation, to face the tremendous responsibilities of the future. This is not an isolationist's war; it is not an interventionist's war; it is our war; it is humanity's war.

Many of us who were charged with some degree of responsibility were reluctant to take the steps leading to conflict. We had done everything it was humanly possible for us to do to keep America out of war and out of foreign entanglements. We had voted every dollar needed for preparedness, but, oh, how we dreaded the thought that our boys might be plunged into the horrors of modern warfare. Oh, how we hoped and prayed for peace, just as Abraham Lincoln, that great, kind-hearted man, who was born as lowly as the Son of God and whose concern all through his life was always for the lowly, hoped and prayed that the bitter cup of war might pass away. But it was not to be. The treacherous attack directed by the Axis at Pearl Harbor, resulting in the death of over 2,000 of our own people and the maiming of many others, brought the war with amazing suddenness to us. We knew then that our worst fears had been realized. We knew then that we had to tread the wine press of the battlefield. We knew then that the world must be bathed in blood and tears, and that there was nothing we could do to prevent it. Almost before the smoke and confusion cleared away we peace-loving Representatives found

ourselves voting for six declarations of war in the Congress of the United States.

Thus there has been cut out for America the biggest task our country ever has undertaken to perform, but which, notwithstanding its magnitude, is in complete harmony with American traditions and love of liberty. We are operating now in inconceivably wide circles and on many fronts. Already in this war our devotion to the cause of world-wide freedom has been cemented with the blood of our boys at Midway, at Bataan, at Corregidor, at the Solomon Islands, and in the Coral Sea. Every American gun that belches on the Libyan frontier proclaims a message of democracy and freedom, and so it is wherever American soldiers and sailors are fighting the battles of humanity in this gigantic conflict that encircles the world. African slavery was bad enough and a burning disgrace to civilization. In the World War of today our aim is the rescue of whole nations from the horrors of enslavement, starvation, and the firing squad. Surely that is a challenge to patriotism and united effort.

To my mind it has always seemed that there was tremendous meaning in the words that fell from the lips of our Lord and Saviour when He taught us to pray: "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

If the opinion of a very humble being means anything, we are facing the world's Armageddon. We shall emerge from the present cosmic conflict with something like God's kingdom established on earth or we shall sink into the blackest night of paganism the world has ever known. We must go either forward or backward. The forces engaged, the issues involved, are too enormous to permit any other conclusion. We have reached the show-down that is to determine the future of the world, and every right-thinking person will know where to find his place.

I have said that one of the two founders of the Grand Army of the Republic was a man of God. Prayer has never been absent from the ceremonies of this great order. The fate of Christianity and all of the freedoms of the soul for which it stands may be wrapped up for 20 centuries in the outcome of this war, and while we fight, as fight we must, we should also pray. We should strive to let the goodness of God shine on the situation to illumine the pathway which the Allied Nations are trying to open toward a better world. Our President spoke impressively of the might of spiritual force when he said:

No greater thing could come to our land today than a revival of the spirit of religion—a revival that would sweep through the homes of the Nation and stir the hearts of men and women of all faiths to a realization of their belief in God and their dedication to His will for themselves and for their world. I doubt if there is any problem—social, political, and economic—that would not melt before the fire of such a spiritual awakening.

Writing to Dr. W. A. Shullenberger, of Indianapolis, a few weeks ago, the President repeated the same thought in these striking words:

Often in past years I have emphasized the need for a revival of religion. Many times have I emphasized that the one solution of the problems which confront a distraught world will be found in a return to the practical application to everyday life—among nations as among men—of the eternal principles of the Christian religion as summed up in the Sermon on the Mount.

Propaganda is often more effective in war than big guns and battle-ships, and I do not believe that enough use is being made of propaganda. I believe we should emblazon the peace aims of the United

Nations over the entire world, telling the peoples of enemy and subjugated countries the better things that may be expected in the future if the Allied Nations are entrusted with the reconstruction of the world out of the ashes of the present conflict. I believe this might accomplish wonders in driving a wedge between the oppressed subjects of those countries and their tyrannical rulers, for it may be assumed that the people everywhere are inexpressibly weary of war, weary of its griefs and heartaches, weary of the pain it puts in the hearts of mothers. I would drop such leaflets by the millions, or billions, if necessary.

We should be arranging for the widest possible distribution in every enemy country of the provisions of the Atlantic Charter, the world's new Magna Carta, which offers to every country political independence, economic freedom, and the means of sustaining life, and which proposes to keep the lanes of opportunity forever open to every nation, however, small and weak it may be.

The Atlantic Charter is founded on fundamental Christian philosophy. It recognizes that the Creator of this world made plenteous provision to sustain the lives of the millions who might ever inhabit it, and that there is room enough for all men if they will accept the Sermon on the Mount as their common denominator. It regards the earth as a cosmic commonwealth of infinite beauty, which away back at the dawn of creation God, the loving Father of us all, made ready for His children. Vast fertile plains to yield the things that sustain life, great rivers that flow in majesty to the seas, cascades that dance and sparkle in the sunlight, mountain slopes that rise in towering grandeur to the very feet of the Creator. In the depths of the earth God deposited untold billions of tons of coal to warm the human family; in the waterfalls He placed power without limit to drive the wheels of commerce. All things that make for prosperity, welfare, and happiness of the human race are embraced in God's gift to man on the morning of creation.

The Atlantic Charter recognizes that this world was designed by God for all men, and that His munificence was not intended to be confined to a few selfish rulers. It proposes to guarantee economic independence and equal opportunities to all peoples, so that they may live contentedly and walk erect as free men and women. The Atlantic Charter is today the hope of the earth. What a glorious challenge it is to the cooperation of all the sorrow-laden and distressed peoples of the world in the reconstruction of a civilization that has broken down under the weight of cruelty and tyranny.

Dr. Stephenson's grand conception of brotherhood, which ripened into fruition in the Grand Army of the Republic, has taken on a scope of which he, dreamer though he was, would never have dared to dream. I have no doubt that if he were living today he would be dreaming another and a greater dream, a dream which, pray God, may sometime find fulfillment, a dream that when we get on the other side of this awful agony we may discover our new world, the world our Blessed Saviour envisioned and for which He gave His life; a world of peace, sweet peace, permanent peace, with its unshakable and everlasting foundation, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The Grand Army of the Republic has taken on a new name, the Grand Army of the World! Once again, tramp, tramp, tramp the boys are marching! The principles of freedom and sacred regard for human rights for which they stood are the same principles for which we are fighting on world-wide fronts in 1942. We have heard the clarion tones of the trumpet call to service in this war to save freedom and civilization.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free.

Chairman GRAY. Thank you very much, Congressman Ludlow, for the stirring message.

We are going to have another rendition from the incomparable quartet from the Y. M. C. A.

(The Y. M. C. A. Quartette sang *Ezekiel Saw the Wheel, The Old Fag Never Touched the Ground, God Bless America*, and, when called by loud and continued applause for an encore, *Sweet Chariot*.)

Chairman GRAY. That is wonderful singing. We come now to that part of our program that has to do with what we call the campfire. We probably won't have to light the fire tonight. I imagine, if the comrades desire, they could take off their coats. They are going to let down their hair and tell a few things that happened. However, we are going to start with Comrade Warner, of Michigan, who will call the roll of his company.

Comrade MARTIN J. WARNER. Mr. Chairman, comrades from all over the United States, and auxiliaries: I am going to call the roll of my company now, Company A of the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry:

Andrews first, Andrews second, Andrews third, Andrews fourth, Abbott, Arnold, Blissman, Boltman, Bariball, Bederman, Boneer, Bankert, Bond first, Bond second, Cavanaugh, Calkins, Dewberry, Decker, Dunn, Dunavan, Dissler, Earle, Fry, Grumbine, Hoagland, Haines, Hax, Kethlin, Ketcham, Kurasser, Land, Lott, Lyon, Ladstrum, McCahey, McMaster, Morgan, Miner, Morris, Price, Rippey, Ryan, Rutby, Redder, Rake, Robinson, Rhinehart, Sharlow, Smith first, Smith second, Scott, Sanger, Towers, Voltman, Weikle, Warner, Wernicke first, Wernicke second, Walker, Wenkland, Young.

[Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. No one answered. May they rest in peace. We have a comrade—he is 96—from St. Louis, Mo.—August Moreau—who will sing us a song.

Comrade MOREAU. I am 96 years old. I want to sing you a little song. I have been singing it at our parties in the Grand Army, and I suppose that most of you here know it:

Just before the battle, mother,
I was drinking mountain dew,
And when I saw the Rebels coming,
In the rear rank quick I flew.

Farewell, mother, you may never
Press me to your heart again,
For if I only can skeedaddle,
Dear Mother, I'll be home again.

[Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. I don't think he is going to stand for any more of that. Now I am going to turn the reminiscences over to this

young sailor boy, a fellow who has been sailing the seas in the United States ship for the past 84 years, Commander Gay.

Commander in Chief GAY. Master of Ceremonies and my distinguished guests, my comrades of the Grand Army, and our allied organizations, Veterans of Foreign Wars and your allied organizations:

It is a privilege and a pleasure for me to look into your faces tonight and bring to you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic. I say it is a pleasure, and you know I have got a little inspiration here. About 3 months ago—I don't know the office that my comrade held, but I think I could guess it. He was an orderly sergeant of some company somewhere.

Comrade WARNER. No, sir; I was not. I was a high private in the rear ranks.

Commander in Chief GAY. Well, well; just the same. That comrade from out here, see what a singer he was at that age. I want to tell this audience that we had away back there in the horse-and-buggy days, we had men that could do most anything. So he comes out here and see what a beautiful song he sang. I say we had most everything—not forgetting the cooties. [Laughter.] I want to tell you that we didn't laugh, but we scratched.

If I am correct, this is the sixth time that the Grand Army of the Republic has visited you in your fair city. I have been with you three times. I remember when we first came here there was plenty of room for buildings. Yes; it was like when they began building Boston down my way. They built the streets so narrow that they got where they couldn't get through again, and one of the officials said to the engineer, "How are you going to make way through here?" "Well," he said, "it is the ocean, ain't it? Well, damn you, swim."

Well now, we came back the second year. What a difference. What a difference. Now, I am back here at this day and you have got one of the most beautiful cities in the United States of America of its size. And now I think that we chose wisely when we came here to Indianapolis in the State of Indiana.

You are hospitable. It is not just laughing. It is not just talking. I believe you are straining every nerve that you have in your body to make these boys—they used to call us the Boys in Blue—happy. And could I get in touch with all of our allies, all the organizations, they would say, "What a beautiful set of people they have here in Indianapolis." We are all proud to be here. The weather has been fine today, but whoever has charge of the heat has certainly put it on. [Laughter.] And as we are short of coal, short of oil, why didn't you save some of that till by and by? But never mind. Things are as they are, and we are here.

I want to tell you just a little story. Let's just have a little fun. There were two Irish gentlemen came over from Ireland. Of course, they couldn't walk, they had to sail over. So they had a terrible storm and the ship sank. The two Irish gentlemen managed to get onto a plank. Mike was one and Pat was the other, and one got on each end of the plank. The waves were rolling, the ocean was high. First Pat would go up and then pretty soon he would go down. And Pat said, "Hey, Mike, where in hell are we going. First we are up and then we go down," Mike said, "Pat, why don't you pray to God?" He said,

"Mike, I haven't prayed to the Lord in 40 years." Mike said, "Now is the time to pray then as you never prayed before." So he said: "Lord, we are just in a devil of a fix down here. We are sunk. Every time a wave hits us I don't know where the devil we are going. We don't know whether we are going up to see you or going down to see the devil." And then he said, "Pat, we are good fellows. Pray the Lord and he will help out." So he said, "Lord, my name is Pat Murphy, and you know that I haven't asked for a favor for 40 years. Now we need you. We need you bad. I want to say to you, 'Come quick. Don't send your boy. Come yourself. This is no job for a boy.'" [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. That is not near as good as the one the commander told last night over at the statehouse steps waiting for a taxicab to come up. He said, "Gee, I have been kissed by a lot of women here. I wish some of them wouldn't eat so many onions."

This is a campfire meeting and it is not a staged affair at all. The comrades will no doubt have something to say on their own account. We have comrades here who can sing, recite Grandfather's Clock. I know one comrade here that does a very fine job of that. Commander Rownd is a versatile gentleman. I think we are going to have them pick their own spontaneous thought. Comrade, you tell us a story; you on the end, Comrade.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado. Comrades of all wars and members of all organizations, I am glad to be here with you. I am glad to enjoy the company of the people in Indianapolis. I will not detain you but a minute. Lots of people ask me how I got in the Army when I was just a kid. They gave me a bottle to live on and it was full of milk. I have lived on milk all my life to the present, so they call me the baby of the Grand Army, because I was raised on milk and have lived on it all my life. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief GAY. I'll bet his mother had to wean him.

Comrade ISAAC W. SHARP, of Indiana. I don't know how to tell a story. I was taught when I was a boy if I did I would catch it. So I don't know anything about that. As a boy I did get out in the Army. I got there because I wanted to go there. Boylike, at 14 I asked my father to let me go because my brother had gone ahead and I wanted to go to him. He said, "You cannot do it. You cannot do it." Before I was out of my fifteenth year I started out of school to get his permission. When I met him he was on horseback and I was on foot. He got down off the horse and after discussing it, finally he said, "You are raised on a farm and are used to horses. You should get into the Cavalry." So I went and enlisted and they put me down as 18. The recruiting officer said, "The law don't allow me to put it less than that." So I went out at that age, and I took my training not in college, not in the camps, but in actual practice. I fell into a veteran regiment with older boys. I did what they did. I soon learned how to operate on that principle. I think that is the best way to get an education. I don't think education is all bound up in books. That is what some other fellow thought. The only way to get it is to get out and get it. That is my way, and the way I taught myself through life. I could tell you some Irish stories, but too many other fellows are hankering to do it.

Past Commander in Chief A. T. ANDERSON. Mr. Toastmaster, comrades, ladies and gentlemen, and citizens of Indianapolis, words are in-

adequate for me to express my delight in being back here tonight. It is like coming back home, the home of the Grand Army of the Republic. You have an honor in this city which no other city in the United States can boast of—that is, you had the first encampment of the Grand Army. You didn't stop with that. You invited us back.

I remember when I came to your city when I could not get a place in the hotels, we had so many comrades. But the good people of the city opened their doors and took us in their private houses.

Now, I am not going to talk to you long or say very much. I am not a public speaker. I am just one of the old boys that happens to remember a lot of funny things in the Army. There was no one that could beat the Irish. They could beat the officers every time.

When we enlisted there was a big Irish boy. He had tried to get in but they would not let him in, he was not old enough. But they got to taking them most any age. So he thought they had to be 18 years old, and he got the number 18 and had it in each shoe, and when the doctor asked him how old he was he said he was over 18. [Laughter.] The doctor said, "Boy, you have been lying to me. They tell me you ain't 17." The boy said, "When I told you that, sir, I was over 18," and he had to tell them how he did it. The doctor said, "After that little trick of yours I will just examine you." He examined him, and when he got around and looked him in the face he said, "Boy, I cannot pass you. You have only got one eye." The Irish lad said, "That is no excuse. When I shoot I shut one eye." So that boy went out with us and he camped right alongside of us.

We all liked him. He was a comical little fellow. A sicker boy I never saw in my life than he was to get home. He tried to get a furlough. There was over 15,000 of us there camped up on Lookout Mountain. But they would not give him a furlough. He played simple, and he took a little string and a stick about as long as that cane, and he tied it onto the end of it, and took a pin and made a fish-hook out of it, and he took his mess pan out and he sat down in front of the tent and he would fish in that, pull it up. He would not speak to anyone. The colonel and the captain came along one day and tried to talk to him. No, no; he just fished away. Kept it up for a week or 10 days. Finally the colonel said, "Might as well discharge him. That fellow isn't right in the head." So they sent the orderly down and took him up to headquarters. After while he came back laughing. I said, "Pat, what did they do with you up there?" He said, "Well, they discharged me." I said, "Did you get your pay?" "Yes," he said, "that's what I've been fishing for." [Laughter.] So he bundled his clothes up and away he went home with his money.

I was up near Seattle and I went to visit the boys in the World War camp and the colonel told me his Irish story of a little boy he had there. He said he came down one day to headquarters very serious, and he said, "Colonel, I got a telegram my wife is dying. I would like to get a furlough and go home and see her before she dies." He said he thought he was lying, he didn't think he was married. He said to the man, "You come back in a couple of days and I will see what I can do for you." So he came back on the date and said, "Colonel, you got that furlough?" "No," he said, "I wrote home. Your wife says you are no account, for me to keep you." He looked up quickly and said, "Colonel, you and I are two of the damndest liars in this camp. I

haven't got any wife." He put him on the same quality with him. So it don't do to tell things that you can't explain.

I will give you an instance of it in our town. We have a good many colored people. A colored man gets a long-tailed coat on and he thinks he is a preacher. This fellow gathered up some coons and thought he would start a church. He used to exhort these colored brethren, and he was a man that used the word "phenomenal" very frequently. He thought that was a wonderful word, and when he was exhorting these colored men he used that word "phenomenal" over and over again. The next day one of his colored brethren met him and said, "Parson, that was a great talk you give us. But we could not understand that word 'phenomenal' you used so much." The preacher said, "Next Sunday I will explainify it to you." So he got up the next Sunday morning and he had to explain it in some way. He said, "You see that little bird sitting up in the tree there singing sweetly." He said, "That is natural, that is not phenomenal. You see that there green grass growing up in the field. That is natural; that is not phenomenal. You see the ugly thistle growing up among that grass. That is natural; it is not phenomenal. You see that big bull eating the grass. That is natural; that is not phenomenal. But if that bull should come down and sit down on the thistle and sing like that little bird, that would be phenomenal." [Applause.]

That is one of the jokes we had in the Army. The boys would tell big lies, and if I couldn't tell a bigger one I had to get out. [Laughter.]

Chairman GRAY. Commander Anderson was probably the great story teller of his company. We have a comrade over here, Comrade Lewis, from Chicago.

Comrade JAMES H. LEWIS. When I was 14 years old I happened to be down in Virginia at McClellan's headquarters where he was in command of the Army of the Potomac. I was chore boy working for Suttler Donahue of the New York Irish Brigade. McClellan fought the Seven Days Battle, and I noticed that when one of the slaves got free he ran away. The masters would come in and get them and tie them up, chain them and take them out. I said, "I want a gun. I want to go to the front." One of my good old Irishmen said, "You are not going. I will let no nigger shoot a white man." Well, it just happened that in less than a year when I got back home the Emancipation Proclamation had been passed, and I was given a gun. Now I shot. I don't know whether I hit anybody, but I certainly did shoot.

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE of Illinois. I will tell you now a story that actually happened at the battle of Pea Ridge—Prairie Grove, December 7, 1862. Mind you the date. I want to add right here that in that battle I fought side by side with the father of General MacArthur. [Applause.] I want to say to you that that man was the finest soldier that I have ever met in all my life. He is the worthy father of a worthy general of the present war. I could not help but mention this on account of the dates.

Now, we were ordered to reinforce General Blunt at Prairie Grove. Orders read that the Confederates were going to concentrate at Prairie Grove in order to cut off General Blunt and prevent him from retreating. So we got the orders to prepare for a forced march. Well, it was 2 o'clock in the morning when we was supposed to start. We were ordered to lie down and take a little rest. Well, you have heard

the roll call of the Seventeenth Cavalry. Some of them were with us. When I went to lie down I had no blanket. So I helped myself to a blanket off of a saddle and went to sleep. All at once I woke up and there was no blanket there, and I was pretty chilly.

Pretty soon the bugle sounded "Forward" and we fell in and marched 110 miles, the last 10 miles double quick, into the battle of Prairie Grove, and fought that battle within 2 days' time, actual history, and I participated in that march and it had no more effect on me than—not as much as it would to walk into this hall now.

But here is the gist of the whole mule story. It was real laughable to us. I don't know how it will be to you. But we were marching double quick to get into the battle, and I suppose then we pushed ahead of others. Up come a cavalryman with his hair standing on his head, and wild looking as could be. Some of the boys yelled out, "Grab a root." Others said, "What regiment?" He says, "Second Arkansas." And there was a mule that had been grazing there, and that mule repeated "Second Arkansas, haw, haw, hee, haw." [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. Do you want to hear any more of the campfire? Well, boys, you hear what she says. Comrade, you tell that story you have in your mind.

A COMRADE. I want to go to bed pretty soon.

Chairman GRAY. Won't some of you tell some more stories? Commander Rownd.

Past Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. I was not aware that my name, until just this minute, was going to be called. We have had quite a variety of stories, but I am going to speak of something else that is on my heart and mind. I would not have missed this meeting for anything that you could think of hardly.

I have heard one of the most eloquent addresses, the finest language, the most profound thought and logical mind, and a sermon that was really a sermon. [Applause.] Thank God that that man had the vision in his heart to disclose what was in his heart and make such a deep impression upon my mind that I will go away from here with one of the sweetest memories created in my heart that I have ever possessed or ever can possess. Thank God for that address.

Comrade C. H. PERRY of Minnesota. At Gettysburg at the reunion of the Blue and the Gray there were two old fellows telling stories. One was telling of the battles he was in. He was at Cedar Creek and Lookout Mountain and all those different places. "But," he said, "the worst one we was in was another little place, and those Rebels was running like the devil. I never saw people run so in my life." He hesitated then, and finally the other fellow said, "Did you catch them?" "Hell, no," he said, "they was running after us." [Laughter.]

Chairman GRAY. Who is it gives "Grandfather's Clock"? Is the comrade with the Gettysburg address ready?

Comrade CHARLES WINGROVE, of Kansas. I am going to give the Gettysburg address, but I want to tell you something more about it. At the end of the war President Lincoln had hired J. B. Eads, who put up the great bridge at St. Louis, to survey the Mississippi River and stake out places for building levees. They planned to give work to every southern soldier and pay them in greenbacks as soon as the war stopped. The Confederates had no money. It was the best way to get them back. If that had happened that country today would be away ahead of what it is.

I guess it is too late for me to tell very much more. Lincoln was the greatest man. He planned to give work to everybody, and to open from the Hudson River to the Erie Canal a ship canal big enough there for the largest ship to go from one to the other, with a dam and big locks. It was going to give work to everybody all over the United States.

And now I will give you the Gettysburg address. [Repeating the address.]

We are all Americans, and that is about all I can say now. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. I think the effort was fine. Any other comrade want to say anything before we close this campfire? Any comrade?

Past Commander in Chief WILLIAM W. NIXON. I want to thank the good people of Indianapolis. This is my third time. I was here in 1920 and 1921, and I think this city is the best of all. There have been so many tall stories told here tonight that I don't believe I will attempt to tell any story like has been told. So good night.

Chairman GRAY. It has been suggested that Commander Rownd play the snare drum with the band. He said he did at Columbus. What about Iowa, That's Where the Tall Corn Grows?

Past Commander in Chief ROWND. If they will play Tenting On the Old Camp Ground, I will play it.

Chairman GRAY. Captain Santelmann agrees and Commander Rownd is going back there to bang 'em.

Past Commander in Chief Rownd played the snare drum and Comrade Martin J. Warner danced at the front of the stage.

Chairman GRAY. Now, I believe we are getting loosened up a bit. Come on, some of you other comrades, something else now. You have a story. Won't you get up and tell it?

Past Commander in Chief ANDERSON. This is one for the ladies. This is a true story. I perpetrated it myself when we were at Winchester in the fighting with Milroy. I was orderly sergeant for Colonels Capehart and Rowen. They went away and left me in charge of the office. We had these bottles of mucilage for sealing the official envelopes, and they had a little darky boy that tended to the horses. He wanted me to let him have some hair oil. I told him the boss was away; I would give him all he wanted. So I got that big bottle of mucilage and I told him to hold his hand and he did. He had lots of wool on his head. I told him to rub it in good, it would make it shine, and if you ever saw a lot of knots on a nigger's head it was on that boy's.

The colonel came in the evening and he said, "You must have had lots of business to do. The mucilage is nearly all gone." "Well," I said, "I was putting a permanent wave on Johnnie here, and I didn't charge him no \$5 for it." He got that boy down on the floor and he rolled him around, and he laughed and he laughed, and he used to tell that story after we came home from the war, and when we were in Pittsburgh his son sent down into the crowd to know if there was anyone in it that knew his father in the Army. Five or six of us went up to his office and he told this story. He had heard his father tell it so often after he came home. I kept still. I didn't say anything. But that is the beauty parlor that we ran at Winchester. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. Any other of the comrades? Commander Parsons, we want to hear from you. You have got a silly look in your eye,

and your girl friends from that believe that you are a guardian par excellence.

Comrade TRUMAN N. PARSONS, of Connecticut. I don't want to start any stories tonight. I don't know many. I don't know where I should start.

Chairman GRAY. One hundred years old next month.

Comrade PARSONS. I have got a lot of them if I could think of them. To stand here I can't see. You know the Irishman that the company didn't like very well and they thought they would discharge him. They thought they would discharge him by letter. So they wrote him a letter, and he got the letter and kept away for a week and finally showed up. They said, "Didn't you get your letter?" He said, "Yes." "Didn't you read it?" He said, "Yes; I read it inside and I read it outside and I have got it all down. It said on the inside that you are discharged." I says, "All right." Finally I read it over on the outside and it said "Return to the Atlas Co. in 5 days. So I am back here for duty."

That is one story. I don't know. I can't bring them to mind. I have got plenty if I once got started.

Chairman GRAY. Scrub them up a little bit.

Comrade PARSONS. I guess I better give it up for tonight. You heard of the teacher that asked if anybody in the class would give a good sentence with the word "diadem"? One little fellow got up and said, "Yes, teacher. These drinking men that don't have regard for the stops on the highway driving automobiles, they 'diademd' sight quicker than those that stop and look and listen." [Laughter.]

I guess I better stop here now and not try to give any more this time. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. Commander Gay wants to tell us one—perhaps a good sailor story.

Commander in Chief GAY. I want to tell you a story that they say was true. In the Civil War before New Orleans, at Fort Jackson or Fort St. Philip on the Mississippi River, all of the troops in that department were on Ship Island in the Gulf of Mexico. They had an Irish boy in there. They told me that he was a great soldier but he would get drunk. He liked to tip his elbow.

Well, as I understand it, he got wind that as soon as the transports got in they were to load those soldiers onto those transports and sail up the Mississippi River and take Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip. So he went up to see the orderly sergeant and he said, "Orderly, would you do Mike a favor?" "Why, yes; sure I will if I can." "Well now," he said, "I'll tell you. It is coming on winter here now. I want to go home to my family. I want to know if they have plenty of coal and provisions for them through the winter." Mind you, he was not married. The idea was he didn't like the idea of being up in front of Fort Jackson or Fort St. Philip. So the orderly said, "You wait a few moments and I will go up and see the colonel and see what kind of a furlough he will give you, how long."

So he stepped into his tent and he wrote a little note. And then he went up and told the colonel. And he said, "I have got a note written here, and when he comes in and asks for that furlough and he tells his story, maybe you can read this to him." He thought the colonel wanted to get ahead of him a little.

Then he went back and he said, "The colonel will see you." Mike went up to headquarters and the guard said, "Who are you?" He said, "I want to see the colonel." The colonel told him to come in, and the fellow went in and said: "Colonel, I have come in to ask a favor of you." He said, "I have a wife, and Bridget is at home, and I want to go home to see if they have provisions enough for the winter." "Well now," the colonel said, "that don't correspond with the letter I have got here." So he opened the letter and he read it. "This is what she says: 'I understand my husband wants a furlough home. He enlisted to fight, and now make him fight, because every time he comes home he licks the children and he licks me. There is only one thing I want. I don't want him to die, but fix it so he can't come home.'"

Well, the fellow walked out. But just before he got outside he said, "Colonel, may I ask you one question?" "Sure. What is it?" "I want to tell you, Colonel, there is two damned liars in this tent."

Chairman GRAY. Any of you delegates from the different States that know a comrade that can tell something they should tell or should not tell? Comrade Williams from Kansas.

Comrade T. B. WILLIAMS, of Kansas. I haven't got very much of a war record to give. I was only 14 when I went in, and I was not in very long. But I would like to talk to the comrades just about 5 minutes—just a little piece I would like to speak to them.

Chairman GRAY. Make it 3 minutes.

Comrade WILLIAMS. Comrades, you are the last of a noble band who for more than threescore years and ten have carried this organization to every hamlet, town, and village of our broad land. Your name and fame is more than Nation-wide. Organized in 1866, with a membership that at one time passed the 400,000 mark, dedicated to the eternal purpose of fraternity, commemoration, and charity, it has been the aid and factor in establishing soldiers' homes and memorials, maintaining and educating soldiers' orphans, and giving to a tribute-paying people the splendid institution of Memorial Day. To you, the wearers of the "little bronze button," America owes a great debt.

Your work is not done yet. Yea, even when the last gray head is laid to rest in the silent tomb, your work will go on. You have fought well in the past and have fashioned well for the future. In this almost magical evolution of new ideas, in the bewildering maze of events which characterize America's progress, your eyes have not been dimmed, your hand has lost none of its cunning, nor has your heart its quickening throb as you view the events which have trod the pathway of time since your organization, but through it all your honor and your integrity have remained unchanged and unchallenged.

As he stood before the thousands at the dedication of the battlefield of Gettysburg, our beloved and martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, said:

It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion.

Never did truer words ring down through the ages. Here tonight the same challenge rings out. The very air we breathe, the peal of the church bell, the ripple of the flag, all call for a rededication such as you, my comrades, are giving and have given.

Through all the years there has been one thing that has stood out unchanged, the Stars and Stripes, the emblem of our unity and perpetuity. Back of it, enmeshed in every crease and fold, is our beloved Constitution, the bulwark of our liberty. It was this and because of this that you banded together. It was for this and because of this that you took your vow of allegiance, with your hand on the Sacred Book, your brow bared before high heaven, you solemnly declared that you would forever remember and never forsake those who were in that great war, their wives, their widows, and their children. How well you have kept this pledge the records when opened on that last great day will alone reveal.

Would to God that our children and our children's children could catch the inspiration of that significant scene as you, my fellows, banded together and solemnly pledged "that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." There is just as strong a call, just as urgent a need today as there was in our day that we love, honor, and cherish the sacred flag and that for which it stands. My hope and prayer is that the children of today may catch the matchless beauty of its blending red, white, and blue and dedicate their lives to it.

There were no degrees of measurement in patriotism or love of country. It behooves all, whether rich or poor, of high estate or low, to give a full measure of love and devotion to their country and stand foursquare in defense of its liberties. In this day of "isms," to the true American there should be but one "ism," and that is Americanism. Americanism is the stronghold, the bulwark and the exponent of that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness guaranteed by the Constitution to us. That "ism" enforces our laws, supports our institutions, contributes to the advancement of our civilization and raises the plane of national life, and it alone should be allowed to gain the foothold of our beloved soil. Through this do we who are older grown, and our children after us, learn respect for law and order and partake of all that is necessary for the establishment of fraternal welfare among our people.

Such an attitude cannot help but make this a greater Nation and will entitle its citizens to hope for the continuation of the blessings of God which have been showered upon us in the past. Let us not only pray for the blessings of peace and prosperity throughout our beloved land, but let us work for it and strive for it that we may be worthy of it. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman GRAY. That was certainly wonderful. If you will just wait a minute we are going to close this campfire immediately. I know you will not want to miss Taps as played by the Marine Corps Band. Is the Reverend Joseph V. Somes in the house? We will now have the benediction by the Reverend Virgil D. Ragan.

Rev. Mr. RAGAN. And now may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and in the life to come. Amen.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.)

THE GRAND PARADE

The following accounts of the parade held on Wednesday, September 16, 1942, are taken from the Indianapolis newspapers:

[From the Times, September 16, 1942]

"BOYS IN BLUE" MARCH AGAIN; ONE VETERAN DANCES "JIG"

(By Arthur Wright)

The martial tempo of World War No. 2 set the pace for the Grand Army of the Republic here today in the colorful parade which high-lighted the seventy-sixth national encampment.

An overcast sky cleared in time to allow the sun to "smile" down on the veterans, some of them over 100 years old.

Cheers that echoed through the downtown streets shortly after 10 a. m. were packed with sentiment. For many of them came from mothers whose sons are fighting today on foreign shores and from children whose brothers and fathers are wearing the khaki of the armed forces.

"Boys in blue" who fought in the Civil War were applauded by others who lined the curbs. They rode in automobiles.

Those who walked received a terrific hand. And L. H. Easterly, 90-year-old commander of the Colorado-Wyoming Department, created a sensation on the circle when he danced a "jig" as he walked beside a group of Boy Scouts.

The eldest veteran to tread the distance was 97-year-old R. R. Graham, of Madisonville, Ky., who said he had attended more than 20 encampments "and walked in about every parade."

A Kentucky veteran who walked beside Mr. Graham was Robert T. Barrett, 96-year-old Princeton resident, who said he "wanted to carry a flag, too,"—but they wouldn't let him.

UNUSUAL NUMBER MARCH

While there might have been more who went unidentified in the excitement of the unprecedented number on foot, others known to have walked were: R. E. Coleman, 93-year-old delegate from Lincoln, Nebr.; O. H. Castle, 95-year-old California department commander from Los Angeles, and Maj. Albert E. Gage, 97 years old, of Chicago.

Others had planned on "hiking" but members of their families and comrades insisted they ride.

First came the police escort, then the grand marshal, Clarence U. Gramelspacher, commander of the Indiana department of the American Legion, followed by the chief of staff, Col. Guy A. Boyle, junior vice commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Comprising the corps of aides were Fred Hasselbring, commander of the twelfth district, American Legion; Fred K. Myles, past department commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Ralph Gregg, national judge advocate, American Legion; John R. Ruddick, national treasurer, American Legion.

Then came the colorful United States Marine Band in full uniform and led by Capt. William F. Santelmann.

First of the grand army group, Charles H. Perry, the chief of staff, was next, followed by the official escort—100 uniformed Sons of Union Veterans reserves. Leading the reserves was Albert C. Lambert, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The reserves were under command of Capt. C. LeRoy Stoudt, acting chief of staff.

The Civil War musicians were in front of the car which carried George A. Gay, 94-year-old commander of the G. A. R., the national officers and past commanders in chief.

The Grand Army departments followed in this order:

Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maine, California and Nevada, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Colorado and Wyoming, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Kentucky, Arkansas, Utah, Idaho, Oklahoma, Indiana.

The Grand Army parade and the military section—which followed shortly after the Civil War veterans—were without floats on order of the encampment officials.

The parade call ordered: "All caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln or Uncle Sam, or other characters, and undignified exhibitions of any kind will be excluded from the parade. Floats of any sort are prohibited."

The five allied groups were not in the parade, in line with the tradition of restricting the Grand Army of the Republic march to veterans of the Civil War. Lining the route were those auxiliary organizations, the National Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

FORMS AT WAR MEMORIAL

The Grand Army of the Republic parade formed at the War Memorial, and the reviewing stand was on the west side of the Federal Building. There Governor Schricker and other dignitaries were joined by Commander Gay, national officers, and past commanders in chief when the line of march reached that point.

The four divisions of the military parade started from Pennsylvania and St. Clair Streets. Col. Walter S. Drysdale, commander at Fort Harrison, was the reviewing officer. The groups came as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Detachments of the Army, Navy, and marines, and the Home Guards.

SECOND DIVISION

United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Order of the Purple Heart, Jewish War Veterans, Rainbow Division, other World War veterans' organizations, Sons of Veterans of Foreign Wars, U. S. War Veterans—N. I. W. C.

THIRD DIVISION

Eleventh district American Legion drum and bugle corps followed by American Legion posts.

FOURTH DIVISION

American Red Cross, War Mothers, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Salvation Army, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

[From the Star, September 17, 1942]

FIFTY FIGHTING MEN OF '61 REVIEW PARADE—FOUR MARCH IN BROILING SUN

(By Donovan A. Turk)

The fighting men of '61 who wrote a glorious chapter to the history of their country donned uniforms again yesterday for their annual parade.

Fifty strong—these veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic wove their way through downtown Indianapolis, where cheering thousands greeted them along the line of march.

Only a scant four of their number braved a broiling sun to march with faltering step the 2-mile route.

The others—all of whom would have joined their comrades "on foot" had their strength permitted—rode in automobiles.

The clear sky overhead matched the blue of their uniforms while the United States Marine Band, at the head of the first section of the parade, played Civil War tunes that recalled to them the long days and nights they spent on bloody battlefields.

AT REVIEWING STAND

Seated on chairs at the reviewing stand in front of the post office on North Meridian Street a few minutes later, the "oldsters" watched the soldiers, the sailors, and the marines who have come to the defense of their country in World War II march by. This display of military efficiency, that included some of the latest implements of war, comprised the second section of the parade.

The parade climaxed the Seventy-sixth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in session here. Indianapolis was the birthplace of this Union Army veterans' organization and "boys in blue" from every section of the United States were in the city for the reunion.

Strains of Battle Hymn of the Republic and Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Grounds echoed through the business district as the Marine Band of 80 pieces marched. The "President's own" musical aggregation, whose members came from Washington to help Indianapolis honor the veterans, was greeted with loud applause from the crowds.

A police escort headed the first section of the parade, followed by Clarence U. Gramelspacher, commander of the Indiana Department of the American Legion, grand marshal, and Col. Guy A. Boyle, junior vice commander in chief of the United Spanish-American War Veterans. Then came the Marine Band, directed by Capt. William F. Santelmann, to form an honor guard for the Grand Army of the Republic veterans.

FOUR MARCH ON FOOT

Union veterans on foot were Lewis H. Easterly, 90 years old, of Gunnison, Colo., commander of the Colorado and Wyoming Grand Army of the Republic; R. E. Coleman, 93 years old, of Lincoln, Nebr., and two Kentucky volunteers, R. R. Graham, 97 years old, of Madisonville, and Robert Barrett, of Princeton. They were singled out for special applause.

George A. Gay, of Nashua, N. H., commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, rode in the lead car, followed by national officers of the organization and past commanders in chief in automobiles, including Charles H. Perry, chief of staff of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Aides were Fred Hasselbring, commander of the twelfth district, American Legion; Fred K. Myles, past department commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Ralph B. Gregg, national judge advocate of the American Legion; and John R. Rudick, national treasurer of the Legion.

A large group of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War led by the Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, were in the line of march, headed by Albert C. Lambert, commander in chief, and Capt. C. LeRoy Stoudt, acting chief of staff of the uniformed reserves.

In the official reviewing stand with Commander Gray and the veterans to review the second section of the parade were Maj. Gen. Frank T. Hines, of Washington, director of the Federal Administration of Veterans' Affairs; Commander Gramelspacher, Lt. Gov. Charles M. Dawson, Lt. Comdr. L. F. Brozo, of the Navy, Frank Millis; of the Indiana Defense Council; Col. Frank J. Billeter, of the Fifth Service Command motor pool at Fort Benjamin Harrison; Lt. E. W. Sherwood, public relations officer at the military reservation; and Rev. Joseph W. Somes, of the Indiana civilian air patrol.

MODERN ROLLING STOCK

The second section was headed by the Fort Harrison reception center band, followed by detachments of soldiers from Companies A, B, C, and D. Army rolling stock was directly behind, including scout cars, jeeps, and supply trucks. American-born Chinese soldiers sat behind the wheels of the supply trucks.

Then came the local marines' recruiting staff, the Indianapolis Newsboys' Band, the firing squad of the Emerson Post of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion Auxiliary, Salvation Army Corps and Band, the band of the Knightstown Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home, 100 Navy recruits with Lt. (Jr. Gr.) William V. Timberman and Chief Boatswain Mate Harlon

Stine in charge, and the band of the Wayne Sons of American Legion. The Navy recruits carried a huge banner which read: "We're on our way. The Navy needs you."

The Indiana Grand Army of the Republic veterans headed the line of automobiles that carried Union soldiers from the various State departments. Boys in blue from Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maine, California, Nevada, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Kentucky, Arkansas, Utah, Idaho, and Oklahoma were represented.

Commander Easterly, who has never missed marching in a Grand Army of the Republic parade, has been head of the Colorado-Wyoming veterans for the last 6 years.

SHERIDAN MAN HAS DRUM

"I never ride and I never will so long as I am able to stand on my feet," he declared when he took his place in the reviewing stand.

Mr. Easterly, who was a volunteer in the Ninth Illinois Infantry as a drummer boy, is a rancher in Colorado. He was honored in 1880 when Gen. U. S. Grant visited him at his ranch following the Civil War general's trip around the world.

John W. Williams, 86 years old, of Sheridan, carried a drum in the parade that was given to him when he was 8 years old by his father, Capt. William E. Williams, of the Union Army, now dead.

"I was too young to volunteer in the Civil War," Mr. Williams commented, "but I promised my father I would represent him at Grand Army of the Republic encampments whenever possible."

The parade formed at Michigan and Pennsylvania Streets and the line of march was south in Pennsylvania Street to Market Street, west in Market Street to Monument Circle, around the Circle to Meridian Street, and north in Meridian Street to the reviewing stand.

Tradition limited war veterans in the parade to Grand Army of the Republic members. Five auxiliary organizations are holding meetings here in connection with the encampment and their members witnessed the colorful spectacle from the sidelines. These organizations are the National Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Auxiliary of Sons of Union Veterans.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., October 15, 1941.

I. Having been elected commander in chief by the Seventy-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and installed, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established at 629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant general: Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster general: J. A. Hamilton, Post Office Box 433, Lansing, Mich.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

GEORGE A. GAY, *Commander in Chief.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., November 12, 1941.

As announced in General Orders No. I, national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic were established at 629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., on October 15, 1941. However, the building is now being remodeled, and pending the completion of improvements, headquarters will be temporarily established in room 27, State House, Boston, Mass., where the secretary will be located by November 18.

All communications will be addressed to the commander in chief and adjutant general at room 27, State House, Boston, Mass. You will be advised promptly of the return of headquarters to Springfield, Ill.

By command of—

GEORGE A. GAY, *Commander in Chief.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN, *Adjutant General.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., March 2, 1942.

I. At the Seventy-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Columbus, Ohio, September 14-19, 1941, the following-named comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief: George A. Gay, Nashua, N. H. (commander, Post No. 195, East Pepperell, Mass.).

Senior vice commander in chief: Thomas Ridenour, Crestline, Ohio.

Junior vice commander in chief: John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.

Surgeon general: Dr. Edward H. Cowan, Dallas, Tex. (member of Indiana Department).

Chaplain in chief: Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, Denver, Colo.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Arkansas: Alonzo Todd, Little Rock, Ark.

California and Nevada: J. S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.

Colorado and Wyoming: Lewis H. Easterly, Gunnison, Colo.

Connecticut: Truman N. Parsons, Stratford, Conn.

Delaware: Joseph M. Showalter, Oxford, Pa.
 Florida: C. J. Rose, Miami, Fla.
 Idaho: Albert G. Jones, Boise, Idaho.
 Illinois: Milton H. Myers, Park Ridge, Ill.
 Indiana: Dr. John H. Stone, Kokomo, Ind.
 Iowa: Elliott P. Taylor, Newton, Iowa.
 Kansas: W. W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.
 Kentucky: R. R. Graham, Madisonville, Ky.
 Maine: John W. Fogler, Skowhegan, Maine.
 Massachusetts: Samuel Snow, Marblehead, Mass.
 Michigan: Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Minnesota: Charles H. Perry, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Missouri: William H. Osborne, Joplin, Mo.
 Nebraska: R. E. Coleman, Lincoln, Nebr.
 New Hampshire: Frank E. Amadon, Keene, N. H.
 New Jersey: William H. McCoy, Trenton, N. J.
 New York: Thomas H. Stritch, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 North Dakota: D. G. Duell, Devils Lake, N. Dak.
 Ohio: Byron W. Joslin, Sidney, Ohio.
 Oklahoma: Rev. E. H. Sawyer, Minco, Okla.
 Oregon: T. A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.
 Pennsylvania: A. W. Gabrio, Hazelton, Pa.
 Rhode Island: Edward S. Gilbert, Providence, R. I.
 South Dakota: Charles Truax, Huron, S. Dak.
 Texas: John Shearer, Houston, Tex.
 Utah: Ira Stormes, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 Vermont: Charles Heyer, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
 Washington and Alaska: L. A. Wilcox, Retsil, Wash.
 West Virginia: A. T. McMurray, Washington, W. Va.
 Wisconsin: A. R. Kibbe, New Richmond, Wis.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief were announced:

Adjutant general: Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Quartermaster general: J. A. Hamilton, Lansing, Mich.
 Judge advocate general: Thomas J. Noll, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Inspector general: Lewis H. Easterly, Gunnison, Colo.
 National patriotic instructor: George W. Green, Jamaica Plain, Mass.
 Assistant adjutant general: Charles A. Heyer, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
 Chief of staff: Charles H. Perry, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Senior aide-de-camp: Albert G. Jones, Boise, Idaho.

III. Katharine R. A. Flood, of Newton, Mass., was unanimously reelected secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

IV. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established at 629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. The executive committee will consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and three comrades appointed from the department representatives on the national council of administration. The following comrades are appointed members of the executive committee to serve with the officers named: William W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.; A. R. Kibbe, New Richmond, Wis.; Thomas H. Stritch, Brooklyn, N. Y.

VI. Comrade A. T. Anderson, Washington, Pa., was elected trustee of the permanent fund for 2 years and Comrade John W. Fogler, Skowhegan, Maine, was elected trustee for 3 years.

VII. Invitations for the seventy-sixth national encampment were received from Detroit, Mich., Indianapolis, Ind., and Portland, Ore. As no city guaranteed the necessary funds, the location of the national encampment for 1942 was referred to the executive committee of the national council of administration.

VIII. Comrade Eugene Owen, Department of Michigan, has been appointed quartermaster general, vice J. A. Hamilton, deceased. All requisitions for supplies, with remittances therefor, must be sent to him at post office box 433, State Capitol, Lansing, Mich. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to National Grand Army of the Republic.

IX. Forms C have been sent to all departments and 16 have returned the reports with per capita tax. Eighteen departments have yet to file their reports, which should be sent with check or money order for per capita tax at \$1 a mem-

ber to Russell C. Martin, adjutant general, Grand Army of the Republic, 629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill.

X. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters notice of death of any permanent members of the national encampment in their respective departments, with a brief sketch of their military and Grand Army service for publication in General Orders.

XI. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward to national headquarters immediately after receipt of these orders, the department roster, the journal of the last department encampment, if not already sent, and all general orders which may be issued during the year.

XII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send to the Chaplain in Chief, Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, 1130 South Grant Street, Denver, Colo., the name and address of the department chaplain.

XIII. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion or an appeal from the decision of a Department Commander must be made to the commander in chief, who will, if necessary, ask the judge advocate general for an opinion. This opinion, to be official, must have the approval of the commander in chief.

XIV. The commander in chief hopes to greet many of his comrades in department encampments and will decide how much traveling he can do as soon as he receives information of the location and dates from the various departments.

XV. The following resolutions were adopted:

"1. Endorsement of H. R. 1091 (widows' pension bill) which had passed the House and been recommended for passage by the Senate Committee on Pensions.

"2. That the national encampment express its disapproval of H. R. 22, a bill providing for the renaming of several national cemeteries as historical parks.

"3. That the national encampment resent future increases in taxes and favor the reduction of government expenditures in Washington, D. C.

"4. Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic is again meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in its 75th Session, be it

"Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to Gov. John W. Bricker and the officials of the State of Ohio; to Hon. Floyd F. Green, mayor, and the citizens of Columbus for their wonderful hospitality; to Hon. John M. Vorys and Hon. Randolph W. Walton; to all veterans' organizations; to the members of civic and fraternal organizations; to the military forces of the National and State; to the police of the State and city; to Mount Vernon, Ohio, Lodge No. 140, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, for the pocket knives presented each comrade; to Mr. J. A. Landon for the Lincoln gavel presented to the encampment; to the Boy Scouts for their participation in our entertainment; to the newspapers for the generous publicity given to encampment activities; to the management and personnel of the Hotel Deshler-Wallick; and be it further

"Resolved, That we acknowledge gratefully the messages of greeting received from President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gen. Frank T. Hines; and be it further

"Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the President of the United States and to the Members of Congress for allowing the Marine Band to attend and contribute to our entertainment; and be it further

"Resolved, That we again acknowledge our indebtedness to Capt. William F. Santelmann and the members of the United States Marine Band for their splendid music contributed so willingly on all occasions; and be it further

"Resolved, That we express our deep gratitude to Lt. Gov. Paul M. Herbert, chairman, and Mr. Joseph E. Cross, secretary, national encampment committee, and all of their associates for their splendid entertainment and attention to the needs of the comrades."

XVI. At the semiofficial meeting on Monday evening, September 15, the national encampment received the following gifts to help carry on the work this year: Woman's Relief Corps, \$1,000; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, \$1,000; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$1,600; \$1,100 of which was for general expenses and \$500 for southern memorial fund; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$200; and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$500. Our heartfelt appreciation is expressed for this proof of the loyalty of our Auxiliary and allied orders, which gives us courage to carry on.

XVII. At the national encampment the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps reported that they had purchased a headquarters building at 629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., and extended to the national encampment an invitation to locate national headquarters there permanently. Because our Fed-

eral incorporation requires the permanent office to be located in the District of Columbia, it was voted to accept the invitation of our Auxiliary for a year, with high appreciation of their kindness.

XVIII. Headquarters were located in Springfield, Ill., October 15, 1941, but November 12 were moved to 27 State House, Boston, Mass., during the remodeling of the Woman's Relief Corps Building. January 20, 1942, headquarters were again located at 629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., in an office, reported by our secretary to be well furnished and comfortable.

XIX. After correspondence and visits to some of the cities which were considered for the next national encampment, the executive committee voted to accept the invitation of Indianapolis, Ind. The commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, and quartermaster general met February 4 with officials of the convention bureau in Indianapolis and arranged to hold the Seventy-sixth national encampment there September 13 to 18, 1942. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps will be located in the Claypool Hotel. The representatives of all the allied orders were present and arranged for their respective conventions.

XX. The Indianapolis encampment committee has organized with Mark R. Gray as chairman, and Joseph W. Cripe as secretary. All requests for rooms should be addressed to Joseph J. Cripe, convention bureau, Roosevelt Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

XXI. Post and department officers are again reminded that no one may serve as secretary of a post or department, but a member in good standing in one of the following organizations: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such secretary does not, by this appointment, become an officer of the post or department, does not sign reports or general orders, cannot hold Grand Army funds, nor sign checks, and must not be installed.

XXII. Immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor, your commander in chief wrote the President pledging the wholehearted support of the Grand Army of the Republic and received the following reply:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, December 15, 1941.

DEAR COMMANDER GAY: Many, many thanks for the noble message which you have forwarded as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in behalf of all of your venerable colleagues. It gives me faith and strength and courage because it shows that the indomitable spirit of 1861-65 still survives.

With that spirit we shall succeed in the heavy task before us. Your message gives me renewed confidence in the justice of our cause.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

XXIII. Comrade William W. Nixon is appointed trustee of the permanent fund, vice Comrade John W. Fogler, deceased.

XXIV. Christmas greetings were received as usual from President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, but did not reach the headquarters office in time to be sent to department headquarters before Christmas. As a matter of record and that you may know we were not forgotten by the President and General Hines, the messages they sent were:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, December 19, 1941.

To all disabled veterans:

To you who have your country's enduring gratitude for the service you have given and the Nation's continued concern for your welfare I send hearty Christmas greetings.

You who have served in time of war fully realize the sacrifice and sorrow which we as a Nation again are forced to meet. But knowing that our cause is just and right we shall not fail to put into this struggle every resource at our command. And in this grave time I am confident of your loyal cooperation and support.

May the New Year bring health and happiness to you.

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

UNITED STATES VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all disabled veterans, 1941-42:

Through the many years that I have been privileged to send you Christmas greetings, my most fervent wish has been, and is now, for your personal welfare—your restoration to physical or mental health. Besides that, I always hope that each successive year may bring some greater happiness to every one of you.

Notwithstanding the urgency of our country's complex problems and extensive defense activities made necessary at this time, I wish to assure you that the Nation's interest and consideration for her veterans remains undiminished.

Your efforts in behalf of universal peace are not forgotten and we must continue to hope and pray for peace in our own country, and its ultimate reestablishment throughout the world.

Again, a merry Christmas to you and to those near and dear to you.

(Signed) FRANK T. HINES,
Administrator.

XXV. It becomes necessary to repeat again that no one can hold the funds of a post or department, or sign checks, but a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The appointment of nonmembers as trustees to handle post or department funds is forbidden.

XXVI. Because of the number of letters received at headquarters about charters, etc., the commander in chief deems it wise to repeat paragraph IX of General Orders No. 4 of the last administration:

"In case of surrender or forfeiture of a charter, the charter, books of record, and post papers shall be immediately sent to the assistant adjutant general at department headquarters and shall be subject to the disposition of the department encampment. However, any post surrendering its charter, may, if it shall so vote, deposit charter, books of record, and papers with the nearest historical society, public library, or managers of a memorial building, to be kept and preserved by such society, library, or managers of such memorial building. The receipt of such historical society, public library, or managers of a memorial building, deposited with the assistant adjutant general, shall be evidence that the rules and regulations have been complied with.

"From this it will be seen that the charter and records cannot be given to any individual or organization. In making this law the members of the national encampment were mindful of the fact that historical societies, public libraries, and memorial buildings were lasting institutions and organizations are not, since they are subject to a fluctuating membership and cannot guarantee their own existence for any stated time. Department commanders and department encampments cannot give permission to posts to change this law, nor can the commander in chief, since it is mandatory, until changed by action of the national encampment."

XXVII. In answer to many letters received, the commander in chief wishes to state that the only organizations which the national encampment has recognized as auxiliary to and allied with the Grand Army of the Republic are:

The National Woman's Relief Corps;
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic;
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War;
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War;
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Therefore, members of any organization other than those mentioned above are not allowed to attend meetings of a Grand Army post or department encampment, and if through error, they are admitted, the proceedings of such meetings are illegal.

Organizations which have been refused recognition as an allied order by the national encampment must not be recognized by department officers of the Grand Army of the Republic in making arrangements for department encampments.

XXVIII. Your commander in chief expresses his appreciation of the honor conferred on him by his comrades in Columbus and promises his best efforts for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic and its Auxiliary and allied organizations.

By command of—

RUSSELL C. MARTIN, *Adjutant General.*

GEORGE A. GAY.
Commander in Chief.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., April 20, 1942.

I. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Saturday, May 30, 1942 will be observed as Memorial Day.

"Comes the throb of martial music and the banners in the street,
 And the marching of the millions bearing garlands fair and sweet—
 'Tis the Sabbath of the Nation, 'tis the floral feast of May.
 In remembrance of our heroes we keep Memorial Day."

II. Once again we will meet on Memorial Day to pay tribute to our fallen comrades. This day has been set apart for nearly three-quarters of a century to pay loving tribute to the soldiers of our country; to those who have died in defending it and to those who returned to their homes and have since answered the call of "taps." Let us invite the members of our auxiliary and allied orders to participate in the exercises of Memorial Day and accept from them the assistance we now need so much. See that flowers are placed on each lowly mound, with the flag which our soldiers and sailors have always kept flying, and have flowers strewn upon the waters in memory of our sailor dead who never returned.

"In tender recollection we our fragrant tributes pay,
 And with faith in home and country we keep Memorial Day."

III. As provided by the forty-fifth national encampment, flags shall be placed at half-mast until 12 o'clock noon, at which time bells shall be tolled for 5 minutes, during which time all comrades shall remain standing with uncovered heads, in tribute to their departed comrades.

IV. The national encampment has directed that General Logan's Memorial Day order and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be read at all public services on Memorial Day.

GENERAL ORDER }
 No. 11 }

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL ORDER,
 HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective. By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander in Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that Nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

V. The Sunday preceding Memorial Day has been observed for many years as Memorial Sunday. Therefore, all comrades are urged to attend divine service on Sunday, May 24, accompanied by the members of their Auxiliary and allied orders.

VI. It is hoped that where possible, comrades will visit the schools the week before Memorial Day as a living example of patriotism and as a reminder that if it were not for the service of the veterans of the Civil War, we would be a divided nation and could not take the part we are assuming today in the affairs of the world.

VII. Department chaplains are requested to send their reports to the chaplain in chief, Rev. Joshua C. Peace, 1130 South Grant Street, Denver, Colo., immediately after Memorial Day.

VIII. Sunday, May 10, will be observed as Mother's Day.

"The greatest of battles that ever was fought,
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not,
It was fought by the mothers of men."

As this was true of our mothers, so it is true of the mothers of today, for again we are at war and the sons of this Nation are fast being called into service. Many of them have already made the supreme sacrifice. To the parents of these we say:

"They did not pass in selfishness, they died for all mankind;
They died to build a better world for all who stay behind."

IX. Sunday, June 14, will be observed as Flag Day. Let us participate in public exercises on that day. Our young men are in foreign lands, fighting, that the freedom of this country and of the world may be maintained. We can no longer fight under Old Glory, but we can "rally 'round the flag boys, rally once

again, shouting the battle cry of freedom." And as we gaze on that "Banner of the Free," let each of us resolve

"To do my best and play my part,
American in mind and heart;
To serve the flag and bravely stand
To guard the glory of my land;
To be American in deed.
God grant me strength to keep this creed."

By command of—

GEORGE A. GAY,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN, *Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 4 }
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
629 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Ill., August 5, 1942.

I. As previously announced in General Orders, the Seventy-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., September 13-18, 1942.

II. Complete program of meetings and entertainment may be secured on arrival in Indianapolis.

III. Mr. Mark R. Gray is chairman of the encampment committee and Mr. Joseph J. Cripe has been made secretary. All requests for information and rooms should be sent to Mr. Cripe at Indianapolis Convention Bureau, Roosevelt Building, Indianapolis, Ind. In writing for rooms please give the name of the organization of which a member, type of room wanted, and rate.

IV. No reduced rates have been granted to the national encampment and department officers are advised to consult their railroad ticket agents for reduced rates for a party traveling on a block ticket.

V. National headquarters will be temporarily established in parlors B and C, Claypool Hotel, Thursday, September 10.

VI. Patriotic services will be held in all churches in Indianapolis Sunday morning, September 13.

VII. Open house will be held in Fort Friendly, 512 North Illinois Street, Sunday, September 13, from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. by the Grand Army of the Republic of Indianapolis and its auxiliary and affiliated orders. All will be welcome.

VIII. Sunday evening, September 13, the annual memorial service of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the English Theater, Monument Circle, at 8 o'clock.

IX. The credentials committee will meet Monday, September 14, at 10 a. m. in parlor C, mezzanine floor, Claypool Hotel. The following comrades are appointed as committee on credentials:

Russell C. Martin, adjutant general, chairman.

Darwin B. Wolcott, assistant adjutant general, Departments of California and Nevada.

T. B. Williams, assistant adjutant general, Department of Kansas.

John W. Palmer, assistant adjutant general, Department of Maine.

George W. Johnson, assistant adjutant general, Department of Missouri.

X. Assistant adjutants general are requested to obtain at national headquarters a copy of the encampment roll, that any necessary corrections may be made before the meeting of the committee.

XI. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet in national headquarters, Monday, September 14, at 1 p. m.

XII. The national council of administration will meet in the Palm Room, ninth floor, Claypool Hotel, Monday, September 14, at 2:30 p. m.

XIII. Comrades W. W. Nixon, Kansas; George H. Jones, Maine; and A. R. Kibbe, Wisconsin, members of the national council of administration, will audit the books of the quartermaster general and will report to the council of administration at its meeting Monday.

XIV. Department commanders, or a detailed representative of each, will report to the national chief of staff at national headquarters, Monday, September 14, at 4 p. m. for instructions regarding the parade.

XV. The semiofficial meeting of the national encampment will be held Monday evening, September 14, at 8 o'clock in the English Theater.

XVI. Tuesday evening, September 15, at 8:30 o'clock, Gov. and Mrs. Henry F. Schricker will tender a reception to Commander in Chief George A. Gay and staff in the Governor's parlors, State Capitol.

XVII. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place at 10 a. m. Wednesday, September 16, under the direction of national chief of staff, Charles H. Perry. The route will be announced in General Orders No. 5.

XVIII. Department commanders are advised, that by action of the national encampment, women, children, and civilians (except in bands and drum corps) are prohibited from participating in the parade. Also by order of the national encampment all caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln, Uncle Sam, or other characters, and floats of any sort will be excluded from the parade. Parade aides are directed to see that these orders are obeyed.

XIX. No flags or standards, except the National, State and post flags will be allowed in the parade and all flags must fly from the staff. Regimental flags and banners will not be allowed.

XX. The first business session of the encampment will convene in the Palm room, ninth floor, Claypool Hotel, Wednesday, September 16, at 1:30 p. m. The second session will convene Thursday, September 17 at 9 a. m.

XXI. Col. Arthur C. Bennett, Department of Connecticut, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is appointed officer of the guard for the encampment and will have charge of registration of all comrades attending the encampment. Lt. Edward C. Skinner, Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is appointed officer of the day for the encampment.

XXII. Wednesday, September 16, a Camp Fire will be held in the English Theater at 8 o'clock.

XXIII. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than 9 p. m. Tuesday, September 16, department nominations for national council of administration and committee on resolutions.

XXIV. The national headquarters of the auxiliary and allied orders will be located in Indianapolis as follows:

Claypool Hotel:

Grand Army of the Republic.

Woman's Relief Corps.

Lincoln Hotel:

Ladies' of the G. A. R.

Columbia Club:

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Severin Hotel:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

XXV. The following comrades are appointed to prepare resolutions:

On the death of Surgeon General Dr. E. H. Cowan:

Isaac N. Sharp, Indiana, chairman.

Joshua C. Pearce, Colorado and Wyoming.

Dr. Charles W. Burrill, Missouri.

On the death of Quartermaster General J. A. Hamilton:

A. T. Anderson, Pennsylvania, chairman.

Martin J. Warner, Michigan.

Louis E. Quint, Minnesota.

On the death of National Patriotic Instructor George W. Green:

John S. Dumser, California and Nevada, chairman.

George N. Alden, Massachusetts.

Theodore A. Penland, Oregon.

On the death of Assistant Adjutant General Charles A. Heyer:

Lyman E. Butterfield, New Hampshire, chairman.

Ira Stormes, Utah.

A. W. Gabrio, Pennsylvania.

XXVI. The Department commander of California and Nevada, having appointed Comrade Oliver H. Castle, Los Angeles, a member of the national council of administration to succeed Comrade John S. Dumser, elected junior vice commander in chief, the appointment is confirmed.

XXVII. The department commander of Colorado and Wyoming, having appointed Comrade Robert T. Bryan, Boulder, Colo., a member of the national council of administration to succeed Comrade Lewis H. Easterly, appointed inspector general, the appointment is confirmed.

XXVIII. The department commander of Delaware, having appointed Comrade Joseph Hynson, Rock Hall, Md., a member of the national council of administration, to succeed Comrade Joseph M. Showalter, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXIX. The department commander of Indiana, having appointed Comrade Oscar N. Wilmington, Indianapolis, Ind., a member of the national council of administration, to succeed Dr. John H. Stone, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXX. The department commander of Maine, having appointed Comrade George H. Jones, Oxford, Maine, a member of the national council of administration to succeed Comrade John W. Fogler, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXXI. The department commander of Massachusetts, having appointed Comrade Dudley L. Page, Lowell, Mass., a member of the national council of administration to succeed Comrade Samuel Snow, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXXII. The department commander of New Jersey, having appointed Comrade Peter VanKirk, Trenton, N. J., a member of the national council of administration to succeed Comrade William H. McCoy, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXXIII. It becomes necessary to advise our members that incorporation by an organization as auxiliary to a Grand Army post or department, does not thereby make that organization the heir to the property of the post or the department. The Grand Army of the Republic has no heirs. Posts and departments may, however, make a will, disposing of all property but charter and books of records and minutes.

XXXIV. Post commanders are reminded that our rules and regulations provide that no one may attend meetings of a post but members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. No one may be appointed secretary of a post or department except a member of one of the above-named organizations, and no one may be made a permanent secretary. The law provides that only one secretary may be appointed. Further, the Grand Army law does not provide for the appointment of anyone but a member of the Grand Army of the Republic as aide. We welcome the assistance of the members of our auxiliary and allied orders, but there is no appointment open to them except that of secretary.

By command of—

GEORGE A. GAY,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Edward H. Cowan, surgeon general, died August 1, 1942, aged 95 years. Comrade Cowan was born December 21, 1846, at Frankfort Ind., and later the family moved to Crawfordsville, where his father practiced law and was judge of the circuit court for many years. Dr. Cowan was a student at Wabash College when he enlisted in Company H. One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and served until the close of the war. Comrade Cowan was first elected surgeon general in 1929 and was reelected in 1930 and again in 1932 and 1934. He was reelected again in 1936, serving continuously since that time.

Comrade Cowan returned to Wabash College at the close of the war and was graduated in 1868 and later graduated from the University of Cincinnati Medical College in 1873. He returned to Crawfordsville, where he practiced medicine for more than half a century. He was the oldest living alumnus of Wabash College, as had been his father, who died in 1920. He was the last survivor of his post and the last Civil War veteran of Montgomery County. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville, following a military service in the chapel of Wabash College.

Comrade J. A. Hamilton, quartermaster general, died in office December 23, 1941, aged 94 years. Comrade Hamilton was born in Okemos in Meridian Township, Mich., December 6, 1847, living in that locality until he enlisted August 16, 1864, as private in Company G, Twelfth Michigan Infantry. He was in the Battle

of Shiloh and took part in many other battles and skirmishes, and was discharged June 17, 1865.

Comrade Hamilton had served as commander of Post No. 42 at Lansing for 10 years and was appointed quartermaster general in February 1941 by Commander in Chief William W. Nixon, following the death of Quartermaster General A. E. Estabrook, and was reappointed in Columbus, Ohio, in 1941 by Commander in Chief George A. Gay.

After the war Comrade Hamilton became active in the building and contracting business. He had been particularly active in many fraternal organizations and held a unique place in the civic life of Lansing, filling various offices of distinction, among them that of alderman for 4 years and was also county supervisor.

Comrade George W. Green, national patriotic instructor, died in office March 8, 1942, aged 94 years. Comrade Green was born in Salem, Mass., and enlisted December 9, 1864, in the Twenty-fifth Unattached Company, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged January 29, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1935 and had served several terms as assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general.

Comrade Charles A. Heyer, assistant adjutant general on the staff of Commander in Chief George A. Gay, and department commander of Vermont since 1938, died in office July 13, 1942, aged 93 years. He enlisted as private in Company C, Eighth Vermont Infantry, saw service in the Shenandoah Valley and was discharged June 28, 1865.

DELAWARE

Comrade Joseph T. Berry, department commander 1941, died in office December 12, 1941, aged 96 years. He enlisted as private in Company A, Thirty-ninth United States Colored Troops, Maryland Volunteers, March 22, 1864, and was discharged December 4, 1865.

Comrade Joseph W. Showalter, department commander, died in office February 27, 1942, aged 97 years. He succeeded to the office of department commander on the death of Department Commander Joseph T. Berry, December 12, 1941. Comrade Showalter enlisted as private in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania Infantry, August 11, 1862, and was discharged May 17, 1863; reenlisted as private in Company B, Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania. Second Cavalry Regiment, and was discharged as quartermaster sergeant June 28, 1865.

FLORIDA

Comrade Henry W. Warden, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general, died in office May 5, 1942, aged 99 years. He served as private in the Seventeenth Ohio Infantry.

INDIANA

Comrade John M. Stone, member of national council of administration, and department commander of Indiana since his election in 1937, died in office February 9, 1942, aged 96 years. He enlisted May 6, 1864, as private in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and was discharged September 21, 1864.

Comrade William A. Ziegler, elected senior vice department commander in 1937, died March 12, 1942, aged 96 years. He served as corporal in Company E, Nineteenth Ohio Infantry.

IDAHO

Comrade George N. Kingsbury, elected department commander in 1936, died June 4, 1942, in Portland, Oreg., aged 98 years. He was elected senior vice department commander in 1933, becoming department commander in 1934 on the death of Department Commander T. W. Johnson. Comrade Kingsbury enlisted in 1861 as a private in Company E, Ninth Indiana Infantry, and served in several major battles. He had served as postmaster and judge in Norton, Kans., moving to Gooding, Idaho, in 1919.

MAINE

Comrade John W. Fogler, a member of the national council of administration, died in office January 24, 1942, aged 97 years. He was elected department commander in 1932 and was serving as trustee of the permanent fund, having been elected in 1940. He was appointed chief of staff by Commander in Chief John E. Andrew in 1939. Comrade Fogler served in the Civil War as private in the Fourteenth Maine Infantry. In the Spanish War he served as paymaster in the United States Army with the rank of major.

Comrade Oliver N. Leavitt, elected department commander in 1937, died at his home in Portland, Maine, September 22, 1941, aged 96 years. He served in the Thirty-first Maine Infantry and Thirty-second Maine Infantry, participating in the Wilderness Campaign. He was a charter member of Burnside Post, No. 47. Comrade Leavitt enlisted at 19 years of age in Company D, Thirty-second Maine Infantry, and was mustered out with the Thirty-first Infantry.

MARYLAND

Comrade George T. Leech, elected junior vice commander in chief in 1923, died August 4, 1941, aged 94 years. He was elected department commander of Maryland in April 1919 and served continuously until April 1936. He was appointed inspector general in 1924. Comrade Leech enlisted June 25, 1863, as private in Company E, Ninth Maryland Infantry, and later served in Company G., First Potomac Home Brigade Infantry. He was discharged May 29, 1865.

MASSACHUSETTS

Comrade Samuel Snow, member of the national council of administration and department commander, died in office January 8, 1942, aged 93 years. He enlisted December 2, 1863 in Company G., First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and was discharged August 14, 1865. Comrade Snow was severely wounded in the Battle of Petersburg.

MICHIGAN

Comrade A. F. Chappell, elected department commander in 1939, died November 2, 1941, aged 97 years. He enlisted November 23, 1862, as private in Company E., Sixth Ohio Cavalry, and was discharged as corporal June 7, 1865. He participated in 32 battles and major skirmishes during the Civil War and had his horse shot from under him three times during his service.

NEBRASKA

Comrade Lewis C. McBride, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general, died in office, September 21, 1941. He enlisted January 12, 1864, as private in Company H, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry, and was discharged August 18, 1865. He was wounded at the Battle of Nashville and in 1937 was awarded the Medal of the Purple Heart.

Comrade Cyrus Fox, senior vice department commander, died in office June 12, 1942, aged 96 years. He enlisted as private in Company C, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, October 24, 1864, and was discharged November 22, 1865. He was elected senior vice department commander in May 1941 and reelected in May 1942.

NEW JERSEY

Comrade William H. McCoy, member of the national council of administration and department commander, died in office November 16, 1941, aged 94 years. He had served continuously as department commander since his election in June 1935. At the national encampment in Springfield, Ill., in 1940, he was elected by the council of administration as junior vice commander in chief to fill vacancy following the death of commander in chief Andrew, and served in that office throughout the encampment sessions. Comrade McCoy enlisted in 1863 as private in Company D, Fortieth New Jersey Infantry and was wounded in action. He later served under General Custer.

NORTH DAKOTA

Comrade John W. Carroll, department commander since election in 1933, died in office March 3, 1942, aged 96 years. He had previously been elected department commander in 1918. He was appointed senior aide-de-camp on the staff of Commander in Chief O. H. Mennet and was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1938. After being twice rejected on account of size and age he enlisted in Company C, First Battalion, Twelfth United States Infantry. At the close of the Civil War Comrade Carroll served in the Regular Army fighting the Indians, and settled in the northern part of Dakota Territory at the close his Army service. He served for 20 years as commandant of the veterans' home in North Dakota and since retirement as commandant had served as treasurer of the home.

OHIO

Comrade Theodore Wells, elected department commander in 1937, died December 29, 1941, aged 95 years. He served as private in Company F, Ninety-eighth Ohio Infantry under General Sheridan.

Comrade John H. Smick, senior vice department commander, died in office January 27, 1942, aged 94 years. He was regarded as the dean of Ohio practicing attorneys. He served in Company C, Second Ohio Cavalry.

TEXAS

Comrade John Shearer, who had served as department commander since his election in 1930, and a member of the national council of administration, died in office October 11, 1941, aged 94 years. He served as private in the Twelfth Wisconsin Battery. He had formerly been a member of Post 89, Gilbert Station, Iowa and Post No. 30 of Ames, Iowa. He served as assistant adjutant general on the staff of Commander in Chief William W. Nixon.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

Comrade Rustan O. Reed, department commander since 1938, died February 23, 1942, aged 95 years. Comrade Reed was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1940. He enlisted June 21, 1864, as private in Company I, Forty-third Wisconsin Infantry, and participated in many battles, including those of Lookout Mountain and Johnsonville, where he was wounded. He served until the close of the war.

WEST VIRGINIA

Comrade Simeon W. Austin, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general, died in office January 6, 1942.

WISCONSIN

Comrade William P. Bryant, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general, died in office September 30, 1941. He was elected department commander in 1937. Comrade Bryant served in Company F, Forty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5 }
SERIES 1941-42 }

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., September 12, 1942.

I. As previously announced in General Orders No. 4, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place in Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday, September 16, 1942, at 10 a. m.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter.

III. All comrades who are going to march will assemble in the World War Memorial Building, Pennsylvania Street, promptly at 9 a. m. and the column will move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported to the commander in chief at 9:45 a. m. by Comrade Charles H. Perry, chief of staff.

V. A preparatory signal will be given at 9:30 a. m. The signal to start will be given at 10 a. m.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments. Markers will be placed in the World War Memorial Building designating the place of formation of each department.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue with their respective departments to the point of dismissal of the column.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will not be dipped. Officers will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in ranks will not salute, but will look toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands will play the entire length of the grandstands.

X. The march will be in common time; the cadence 90 steps to the minute. Bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand on the west side of the Federal Building.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present in Indianapolis will make an effort to participate in the parade, whether he is in uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will try to appear in the regulation uniform of the order.

XIII. Women, children, and civilians (except bands and drum corps) will be prohibited from participating in the parade and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments. Should any disobey these instructions and enter the parade along the line of march, officers are directed to take them out of line.

XIV. No flags or standards except the National, State, and post flags and standards will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags and banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln or Uncle Sam or other characters, and undignified exhibitions of any kind will be excluded from the parade. Floats of any sort are prohibited.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief will ride in autos at the head of the column. Autos and wheel chairs will not be allowed in the parade

in or between departments. Autos will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march, and these autos will be found on Illinois Street at the Claypool Hotel.

XVII. When the column reaches the reviewing stand the commander in chief, national officers, and past commanders in chief will leave the parade and take their places in the stand.

XVIII. National officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff, Charles H. Perry, in parlor C, mezzanine floor, Claypool Hotel, at 9 a. m. for assignment to autos.

XIX. Department commanders will report to parlor C, Claypool Hotel, at 4 p. m. on Monday, September 14, for instructions regarding the parade.

XX. The line of march will be as follows: Assembling on Michigan Street in front of the World War Memorial Building, east on Michigan to Pennsylvania Street, south on Pennsylvania Street to Market Street, west on Market Street to the circle, around the circle to Meridian Street, north on Meridian Street to point of dismissal at World War Memorial Building.

XXI. The line of march will form as follows:

Police escort.

Grand marshal, Clarence U. Gramelspacher, commander, Department of Indiana, American Legion.

Chief of staff, Col. Guy A. Boyle, junior vice commander in chief, United Spanish War Veterans.

Aides, Fred Hasselbring, commander twelfth district, American Legion; Fred K. Myles, past department commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Ralph Gregg, national judge advocate, American Legion; John R. Ruddick, national treasurer, American Legion.

United States Marine Band, Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader.

Chief of staff, Grand Army of the Republic, Charles H. Perry.

Official escort, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Albert C. Lambert, commander in chief. Uniformed reserves under command of Capt. C. LeRoy Stoudt, acting chief of staff.

Civil War musicians.

Commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic, George A. Gay, national officers and past commanders in chief in autos.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic who will march, will form in the lobby of the World War Memorial Building as indicated by department standards and will march in order of seniority as follows:

1. Department of Illinois.
2. Department of Wisconsin.
3. Department of Pennsylvania.
4. Department of Ohio.
5. Department of New York.
6. Department of Connecticut.
7. Department of Massachusetts.
8. Department of New Jersey.
9. Department of Maine.
10. Department of California and Nevada.
12. Department of New Hampshire.
17. Department of Nebraska.
18. Department of Michigan.
19. Department of Iowa.
20. Department of Indiana.
21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.
22. Department of Kansas.
24. Department of Minnesota.
25. Department of Missouri.
26. Department of Oregon.
27. Department of Kentucky.
31. Department of Arkansas.
33. Department of Utah.
39. Department of Idaho.
44. Department of Oklahoma.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic in autos.

By command of—

GEORGE A. GAY, *Commander in Chief.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

The military parade which will follow 15 minutes after the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will be formed as follows:

First division:

1. Detachment of United States Army.
2. Detachment of United States Navy.
3. Detachment of United States Marines.
4. Home guards.

Second division:

1. United Spanish War Veterans.
2. Veterans of Foreign Wars.
3. Disabled American War Veterans.
4. Order of the Purple Heart.
5. Jewish War Veterans.
6. Rainbow Division.
7. Other World War veterans' organizations.
8. Sons of Veterans of Foreign Wars.
9. U. S. War Veterans, N. I. W. C.

Third division:

1. Eleventh District American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.
2. American Legion posts.

Fourth division:

1. American Red Cross.
2. War Mothers.
3. Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.
4. Salvation Army.
5. Girl Scouts.
6. Boy Scouts.

In Memoriam





JOHN A. HAMILTON
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL



GEORGE W. GREEN
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



CHARLES A. HEYER
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL



DR. EDWARD H. COWAN
SURGEON GENERAL

In Memoriam

COMRADE J. A. HAMILTON

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Comrade J. A. Hamilton, quartermaster general, died in office December 23, 1941, aged 94 years. Comrade Hamilton was born in Okemos in Meridian Township, Mich., December 6, 1847, living in that locality until he enlisted August 16, 1864, as private in Company G, Twelfth Michigan Infantry. He was in the Battle of Shiloh and took part in many other battles and skirmishes, and was discharged June 17, 1865.

Comrade Hamilton had served as commander of Post No. 42 at Lansing for 10 years and was appointed quartermaster general in February 1941 by Commander in Chief William W. Nixon, following the death of Quartermaster General A. E. Estabrook, and was reappointed in Columbus, Ohio, in 1941 by Commander in Chief George A. Gay.

After the war Comrade Hamilton became active in the building and contracting business. He had been particularly active in many fraternal organizations and held a unique place in the civic life of Lansing, filling various offices of distinction, among them that of alderman for 4 years and he was also county supervisor. He leaves a daughter with whom he made his home.

A. T. ANDERSON.

MARTIN J. WARNER.

In Memoriam

COMRADE GEORGE W. GREEN

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Comrade George W. Green, national patriotic instructor, died in office March 8, 1942, aged 95 years. Comrade Green was born in Salem, Mass., September 14, 1846. He enlisted at Beverly, Mass., December 9, 1864, in the Twenty-fifth Unattached Company, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged June 29, 1865. He was the youngest of four brothers, all of whom served in the Union Army. He became a carpenter and builder by trade and made his home for more than 60 years in Jamaica Plain (Boston), Mass., and was a member of the Masonic Order for 67 years.

Comrade Green was commander of Post No. 200 for a period of years and was elected department commander of Massachusetts in 1935. From 1937 to 1940 he was assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general of his department. He was appointed national patriotic instructor by Commander in Chief George A. Gay, in September 1941. He leaves a wife, daughter, and two step-sons.

JOHN S. DUMSER.

THEODORE A. PENLAND.

In Memoriam

COMRADE CHARLES A. HEYER

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

Comrade Charles A. Heyer, assistant adjutant general on the staff of Commander in Chief George A. Gay, died in office July 13, 1942, aged 93 years. Comrade Heyer was born in Mattapoisett, Mass., March 11, 1849. The family moved to St. Johnsbury in 1860 where he went to work in the Paddock Iron Works. On February 15, 1865, he enlisted as private in the Eighth Vermont Infantry and served in the Shenandoah Valley until discharged June 28, 1865.

Comrade Heyer joined Chamberlin Post, No. 1, in St. Johnsbury, Vt., June 20, 1885, holding nearly every office in the post until he became post commander. In 1932 he was elected department commander and became department commander again in 1938 on the death of Department Commander Harvey C. Powers, and so served until his death. He is survived by a son.

LYMAN E. BUTTERFIELD.

IRA STORMES.

In Memoriam

EDWARD H. COWAN

SURGEON GENERAL

Dr. Edward H. Cowan, surgeon general, died August 1, 1942, aged 95 years. Comrade Cowan was born December 21, 1846, at Frankfort, Ind., and later the family moved to Crawfordsville, where his father practiced law and was judge of the circuit court for many years. Dr. Cowan was a student at Wabash College when he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and served until the close of the war. Comrade Cowan was first elected surgeon general in 1929 and was reelected in 1930 and again in 1932 and 1934. He was elected again in 1936, serving continuously since that time.

Comrade Cowan returned to Wabash College at the close of the war and was graduated in 1868 and later graduated from the University of Cincinnati Medical College in 1873. He returned to Crawfordsville where he practiced medicine for more than half a century. He was the oldest living alumnus of Wabash College, as had been his father, who died in 1920. He was the last survivor of his post and the last Civil War veteran of Montgomery County. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville, following a military service in the chapel of Wabash College. He had recently sold his home in Crawfordsville and moved to Dallas, Tex., to make his home with his daughter.

ISAAC W. SHARP.

JOSHUA C. PEARCE.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF DELAWARE

COMRADE JOSEPH T. BERRY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 12, 1941

COMRADE JOSEPH W. SHOWALTER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 27, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

COMRADE HENRY W. WARDEN

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT MAY 5, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

COMRADE GEORGE N. KINGSBURY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1934; 1936

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 4, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

COMRADE JOHN M. STONE

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 1937-42

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 9, 1942

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA—Continued

COMRADE WILLIAM ZIEGLER

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 12, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

COMRADE JOHN W. FOGLER

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 24, 1942

COMRADE OLIVER N. LEAVITT

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 22, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

COMRADE GEORGE T. LEECH

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1923

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1919-35

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 4, 1941

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMRADE SAMUEL SNOW

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 8, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

COMRADE A. F. CHAPPELL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1939

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 23, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

COMRADE LEWIS C. McBRIDE

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 21, 1941

COMRADE CYRUS FOX

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1941; 1942

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 12, 1942

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

COMRADE WILLIAM H. McCOY

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935–41

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1940

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 16, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

COMRADE JOHN W. CARROLL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1918, 1933–42

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1938

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 3, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

COMRADE THEODORE WELLS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 29, 1941

COMRADE JOHN H. SMICK

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 27, 1942

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

COMRADE JOHN SHEARER

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1930–41

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 11, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

COMRADE RUSTAN O. REED

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1938–42

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1940

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 23, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

COMRADE SIMEON W. AUSTIN

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 6, 1942

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

COMRADE WILLIAM P. BRYANT

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1937

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 30, 1941

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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APRIL 6, 1866

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois

First commander in chief

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois

First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois

First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBUT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. McKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. McNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established in Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, RHODE ISLAND.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSSELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,
MAY 14, 15, 1873

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOEBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. ² MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

**ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
JUNE 26, 27, 1877**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD.,
JUNE 21-23, 1882**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. F. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

**SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
JUNE 25, 26, 1883**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

**EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
JUNE 23-25, 1884**

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
JUNE 24, 25, 1885**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WHEELLOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts. GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y.,
AUGUST 25-27, 1897**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. FRANK C. BURNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

**THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, ² Illinois.
	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
	{ DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware..
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

**THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

**THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL.,
AUGUST 29, 30, 1900**

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

² Died in office.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established in Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachusetts. JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri. OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 16, 17, 1906

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEAL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,
SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

**FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 24, 25, 1911**

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912**

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine.
	{ A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JAMES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ³ Michigan.
	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{ OSCAR A. JAMES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,853.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DR. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 140,074.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

**FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919**

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ³ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

**FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920**

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

**FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921**

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SARLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

³ Died in office.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	Craven V. Gardner, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Spring, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 10-15, 1924**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS D. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925**

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM P. MCKINLEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, ³ Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

³ Died in office.

**SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926**

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ROBERT H. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ CHARLES H. HENRY, ⁴ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ³ Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HANNAFORD, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

**SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927**

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WM. H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928**

Headquarters were established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Ohio.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ THOMAS J. SMITH, ⁴ McCook, Nebr. MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

**SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929**

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. E. NASON, Gray, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Newton, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
AUGUST 24-28, 1930**

Headquarters established at Fort Morgan, Colo. Membership, 21,080.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JACOB SECREST, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. LEWIS, Pawtucket, R. I.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HENRY HILTON WOOD, Long Beach, Calif.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ DAVID N. HEIZER, ⁴ Colorado Springs, Colo. ABRAHAM L. EMIGH, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Quartermasters general</i> -----	{ COLA D. R. STOWITS, ³ Buffalo, N. Y. EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.

**SIXTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1931**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 16,578.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL, Mattoon, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JESSE B. BARTLEY, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WASHINGTON F. HAMBRIGHT, Lancaster, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA R. WILDMAN, Danbury, Conn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN F. PICKERILL, Seattle, Wash.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

**SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 1932**

Headquarters established at Chicago, Ill. Membership, 13,066.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, ³ Chicago, Ill.
	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
	{ ARTHUR DAWSON, Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Waukegan, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	EMMET F. TAGGART, Akron, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.

**SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 17-22, 1933**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 10,138.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ THOMAS H. PEACOCK, ³ Minneapolis, Minn.
	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
	{ JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DARWIN B. WOLCOTT, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	T. M. KELLOGG, Portland, Oreg.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

**SIXTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 12-18, 1934**

Headquarters established at Syracuse, N. Y. Membership, 7,807.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED E. STACEY, Elbridge, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARDING I. MERRILL, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. POUNDER, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Jackson, Mich.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.
<i>National patriotic instructors</i> -----	{ HENRY B. DAVIDSON, ³ Springfield, Ill.
	{ C. PERRY LOMAX, ³ Lincoln, Nebr.

³ Died in office.

**SIXTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 8-14, 1935**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 6,244.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. C. ESTABROOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. THOMAS, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM F. DORSEY, Washington, D. C.

**SEVENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1936**

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 4,391.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY F. RUSSELL, Alliance, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ JOHN LITTLE, ³ Pittsburgh, Pa. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ SAMUEL P. TOWN, ³ Philadelphia, Pa. SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.

**SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MADISON, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1937**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 3,325.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY HELD, West Allis, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARTIN V. STONE, Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	R. H. HOFFMAN, Denver, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.

³ Died in office.

SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1938

Headquarters established at Ripley, N. Y. Membership, 2,443.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK L. QUADE, Dubuque, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	{ Dr. A. B. GARRETT, ² Gallipolis, Ohio. Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	{ Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo. MARTIN V. STONE, ² Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ JOSIAH C. READ, ² New York, N. Y. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, ² Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	TRUMAN N. PARSONS, Stratford, Conn.

SEVENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA., AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 1,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN E. ANDREW, ² Quincy, Ill. A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa. W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans. WILLIAM H. MCCOY, Trenton, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, ² Louisville, Ky.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	{ JAMES W. WILLETT, ² Tama, Iowa. T. J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	O. S. PIERCE, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Dr. JOHN H. STONE, Kokomo, Ind.

SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL., SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1940

Headquarters established at Topeka, Kans. Membership, 1,039.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ A. C. ESTABROOK, ² Grand Rapids, Mich. JAMES A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOSEPH B. HENNINGER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	{ ASA O. GERE, ² Stafford, Kans. THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

² Died in office.

SEVENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 14-19, 1941

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 763.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. GAY, Nashua, N. H.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, ² Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Colo.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN A. HAMILTON, ² Lansing, Mich.
	EUGENE OWEN, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS H. EASTERLY, Gunnison, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. GREEN, ² Jamacia Plain, Mass. JOHN E. BRONSON, East Dedham, Mass.

SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1942

Headquarters established at Oakland, Calif. Membership, 518.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. PERRY, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EUGENE OWEN, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM H. OSBORN, Joplin, Mo.

² Died in office.

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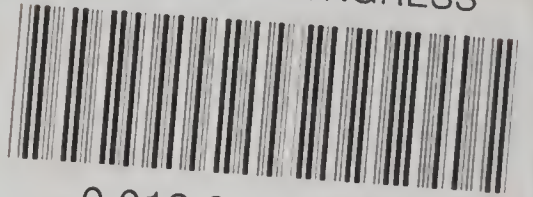
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